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AUTOMATIC PHONE.

Progress Made With Local Scheme.

TELEPHONE CO. REVIEW.

Submitted Scheme Operative In Two Years?

Material progress had been made in regard to a new automatic telephone system for Hong Kong. It was reported at the annual meeting this morning of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Ltd., and it was indicated that a definite scheme had been submitted and would probably be operative in two years' time.

The profit for the year was reported as \$220,999.59 after having provided for considerable depreciation and for royalties in accordance with the terms of the franchise under which the Company operated.

There had been considerable extension during the year under review and the service to subscribers had been improved by a direct underground cable service instead of overhead lines.

Mr. J. Scott Harston presided over the meeting, supported by the Hon. Sir Shou-shou Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. R. G. Sheehan, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. T. G. Weill and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director, Mr. J. P. Sherry, Manager, and Mr. W. J. Hawker, Mr. E. M. Raymond and Mr. D. T. Tolan (Shareholders). Shares to the number of 225,370 were represented.

Chairman's Speech.
The Chairman, after quoting the auditor's report, addressed the meeting as follows:—Referring to the accounts, you will observe that the profit for the year under review amounted to \$220,999.59 as against \$194,708.56 for the preceding year, and is arrived at after deducting \$154,238.64 for depreciation; \$29,011. for the payment to the Government in respect of royalties, in accordance with the terms of the franchise under which we operate; \$5,527.38 for writing off part of the preliminary expenses; and \$1,634.96 for writing off bad debts.

Depreciation is heavier this year by \$23,136.59—in which relation shareholders will readily understand that the additions made to capital plant must necessarily result in an increased sum for depreciation in order to safeguard your investment.

Cost of Royalties.
As regards the royalties, you will observe that the payment for the year 1927 is \$3,077 in excess of that for the previous year; and it is well to bear in mind that this becomes an ever increasing sum in proportion to the number of new connections made.

Bad debts, you will observe, have decreased by \$4,051.28 and represent less than one half per cent. on the gross turnover. This satisfactory state of affairs is due principally to the introduction of the system of deposit accounts to which I referred when I addressed you at the last annual general meeting, and as I then prognosticated, has since in effect minimised to a great extent the risk of losses being sustained from this source.

Service Improvement.
During the year under review the improvement in the Telephone Service has not only been maintained, but has also been considerably extended—this being due to the reconstruction of a material portion of our outside plant, whereby service to subscribers is gradually being converted to direct underground cable circuits instead of the former overhead lines. A considerable portion of this work remains to be done, and in order to effectually carry out extensive plant rearrangements with a minimum of inconvenience to subscribers, a certain amount of delay must perforce occur, apart from which the process involves heavy capital expenditure. I think shareholders will agree, however, that the resulting improved service fully justifies your directors' in sanctioning the expense entailed by such schemes.

As a result of this programme, the number of complaints has been reduced to a low figure, notwithstanding that the number of subscribers has been increased during the year by 711. Exchange lines and 444 extension lines.

General Reserve Credit.
Taking the liabilities side of the Balance Sheet, you will observe

BRITISH CRAFT.

Fired At By Troops On Yangtze.

ATTEMPT TO BOARD.

Consul-General's Request For Safe Passage.

Hankow, Yesterday.
British river craft have been fired at by Chinese soldiers on Middle Yangtze and forced to return.

The British Consul-General will request the Nationalist Garrison Commander at Hankow to accord these vessels safe passage in future.

There has been no change in the local situation.

A tug and lighter belonging to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and one belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire were proceeding to Changsha (a Hunan treaty port on the Siang River which runs from south to north and joins the Yangtze above Hankow). The vessels set out this morning but had to return later in the day.

25 Miles Up.
They reported having been fired on by troops from both banks of the river, some 25 miles above Hankow (which would be near Kinkow).

An attempt was also made by men in junks to board the craft. The effort was abortive and the boats turned back. The unit to which these troops belong has not been ascertained.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The part of the Yangtze concerned is in Hupeh province and is controlled by the Wu-Han Nationalists.]

that General Reserve stands at \$75,000.00; therefore, if the appropriations recommended by the Board in respect of the year under review be adopted, this account will be in credit to the extent of \$125,000.00.

On the assets side of the balance sheet, under general plant, you will find an addition of \$155,905.89, the major portion of which figure is represented by plant of a permanent nature, being in respect of the matter to which I have just referred, namely, the expenditure on laying underground cables in substitution for overhead wires, a conversion which, under the terms of the Telephone Ordinance, must be carried out with reasonable expedition. In this respect you will not doubt be interested to know that 1594.083 circuit miles of underground cable and 71,359 circuit miles of covered distribution cables were laid down during the year.

Automatic Plant Progress.

Another item calling for special comment is Automatic Plant (preliminary expenses) which, you will observe, now stands at \$65,960.35; and I am pleased to report that very material progress has been made since the last meeting in regard to the question of a new telephone system for Hong Kong. On your Directors' instructions, the Company's Manager proceeded to England in May, 1927, and in conjunction with our Consulting Engineers, Messrs. W. W. Cook & Partners, drew up specifications and invitations to tender for an automatic installation for Hong Kong. Tenders were duly called for by our London Agents (The Oriental Telephone & Electric Co., Ltd.) and are now in the hands of the Board, who, I may add, are very satisfied with the results obtained.

Definite Scheme Submitted.

Your Board are most anxious to modernise the Exchange Plant with a view to being in a position to supply a telephone service on the most up-to-date lines. And it is with pleasure, therefore, that I am in a position to state that a definite scheme has been submitted to the Government, whereby, subject to the Government's approval, it is hoped that the whole system will be converted to Automatic working in less than two years from date. As stated in my speech in April, 1927, the matter mainly involves itself into a question of initial outlay, and the subscription rates to be charged in order to effect a return on investment in the manner contemplated by the Telephone Ordinance, which, as you are aware, automatically provides for decreased subscription rates when the return on investment reaches a predetermined percentage.

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LI CHAI-SUM.

Returning Before War Starts?

DRIVE ON SHANSI.

Ironides Now At Nationalist Front Lines.

There is just a possibility that Marshal Li Chai-sum may return to Canton to resume control of the administration before the Nationalist army opens an attack on the Northern defences along the Kiangsu-Shantung frontier.

Marshal Li, accompanied by General Chen Min-chu, has returned to Shanghai from Hangchow but the date of his departure has not been announced. It is from Canton that news has come that he intends, if possible, to leave before Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek gives the order for the offensive to begin against the North.

Shansi Positions Shelled.
War reports from the North contain little of importance. The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" understands that the Peking armies are attacking the Shansi Nationalists on three sectors of the Shansi-Chihli front. Other despatches indicate that the Peking forces are advancing slowly but making little impression with their preliminary shelling of the Shansi positions.

Little appears to have been done on the Chihli-Honan front against the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang.

Meanwhile, the Ironides from Canton (who opposed Marshal Li Chai-sum) have reached the Nanking Nationalists' front lines in Kiangsu and are expected to be in action before long.

Wu-Han Government.
Hankow, Yesterday.

As the nominee of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (the commander-in-chief of the Nanking Nationalist Government), General Li Tsung-jen has been accepted by the local Nationalist leaders in Wu-Han as head of the Political Council for Hupeh and Human provinces.—British Naval Wireless.

Canton and Waichow.
Uneasiness in Canton, following the startling bomb explosion in Honan (the south side of the river) has died down.

However, reports have reached Canton that Communists are trying to stir up trouble in Waichow, an important and strategic city on the East River, 60 miles east of Canton.

PLATINUM.

RECENT DISCOVERY IN SIERRA LEONE.

PROSPECTING RIGHTS.

London, Yesterday.
The Colonial Office states that the Government of Sierra Leone has received a considerable number of applications in connection with the discovery of platinum in that colony. Prospecting rights have been granted to all suitable applicants and the Government of the Colony hopes before long to be able to give its decision regarding grants of the exclusive prospecting licences, mining rights or mining leases.

The Sierra Leone Government considers, however, that it is desirable to announce that applications for exclusive prospecting licences have already been received in respect of practically the whole of area specially suggested by the Director of Geological Survey as being worthy of investigation.—British Wireless Service.

OFFICIAL ENQUIRY.

THE RECENT ATTACKS IN SOLOMON ISLANDS.

APPOINTMENT TRADE.

London, Yesterday.
The Colonial Secretary (Mr. Amery) has selected Lieut.-Colonel Sir H. C. Moorhouse as Commissioner to proceed to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate to enquire into and report upon the circumstances in which murderous attacks took place on government officials at Verakona (Guadalcanal) in February, 1927.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE ON COUNCIL.

Ex-Hong Kong Banker Elected.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Refut Of Shanghai Ratepayers' Meeting.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
At a meeting of representatives of sixty thousand Chinese ratepayers in the International Settlement of Shanghai, held at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce this afternoon, Mr. Tsu Yee-pei, Mr. Yuan Li-tung and Mr. Chao Chin-ching were elected to seats on the Shanghai Municipal Council; while six other Chinese were elected as members of the various committees of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Mr. Tsu Yee-pei is manager of the Bank of China, Mr. Yuan Li-tung is general manager of the Ningpo-Shaoxing Steam Navigation Co., and Mr. Chao Chin-ching is managing director of the Town Syndicate and a member of

the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The most important document found was a leaflet describing the Articles of Association of a secret society "for the establishment of an Independent Federated States of India by organised armed revolution."

The members of this society were enjoined to engage in Bolshevik activities and such secret assembling of men, arms and funds, forcibly where necessary, and terrorism, and the establishment of Labour and Peasant Organisations to spread Communist revolutionary propaganda and encourage military training.—Reuter.

FRENCH AT HANKOW.

Dispute With Chinese Settled.

Hankow, To-day.
The Sino-French dispute was satisfactorily adjusted to-day after prolonged negotiations between the Consul and the Foreign Minister.

The French while reiterating their determination not to budge from their decision in regard to ordinary political offenders agreed in future to hand over communists and other dangerous characters, and also expressed regret for the alleged lack of cordialities to foreign officials during the recent calls at the Consulate.—Reuter.

several important commercial and educational institutions.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN FUTURE.

On April 4 it was reported that the Municipal Council and the Chinese Ratepayers' Association had reached a "modus vivendi" regarding Chinese representation on the Council, thus running a long outstanding Chinese grievance.

Under this arrangement, the Association forthwith appoints

three Chinese Councillors, while six Chinese are added to the Municipal Committees. The Council will henceforth consist of five British members, three Chinese, two Japanese, and two American.

A noteworthy passage in the final reply to the Chinese Ratepayers' Association by the chairman, Mr. Stirling Fessenden, reads: "The Council quite appreciates the point that, with full co-operation from the Chinese, the proposed arrangement will in the ordinary course of events lead to an increase in the number of Chinese members on the Council."

Former Hong Kong Resident.

Mr. Tsu Yee-pei (Pui Tso-yi in Cantonese) is well known in Hong Kong. He was manager of the Bank of China's office here for several years and was recently appointed a special juror; his name still being on the 1928 list. He was recently promoted to the Shanghai office. Mr. Pei is comparatively young and was educated abroad. He is very popular and is a shrewd and capable business man.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

BENGALI YOUTHS.

Trying to Overawe The Government.

FORMIDABLE CHARGE.

Encouraging Communist Propaganda.

Calcutta, To-day.
The trial has begun of 20 Bengali youths, who are charged with conspiracy to "deprive His Majesty of his sovereignty in India and overawe the Government of India."

Three of them are also charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition in pursuance of general conspiracy.

The Prosecutor stated that a cipher list was found at a boarding-house at Deoghar, where these three were arrested, containing the names of notorious revolutionary murderers, places and incidents connected with their crimes, which were used as passwords. It also contained 16 names of "victims," who were marked down for assassination.

The conspiracy was widespread. The most important document found was a leaflet describing the Articles of Association of a secret society "for the establishment of an Independent Federated States of India by organised armed revolution."

The members of this society were enjoined to engage in Bolshevik activities and such secret assembling of men, arms and funds, forcibly where necessary, and terrorism, and the establishment of Labour and Peasant Organisations to spread Communist revolutionary propaganda and encourage military training.—Reuter.

A BARBER'S SHOP.

JAPANESE PARTIES AT LAW.

A "MASTERFUL WOMAN."

A dispute arising out of the sale of a Japanese hairdressing business was heard at the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

Masako Hayashida, of 47, Praya East, Waichai, a widow, sued Shinjiro Nanayawa, trading as the Yokohama Barbers Shop, of 19 Praya East, and Mrs. Fuji Nanayawa, otherwise Fuji Arima, trading as the Chidori Eating House of 19 Peking-road, Kowloon for \$800 alleged to be balance of purchase money due under an agreement for the sale by plaintiff to the defendants of plaintiff's business, known as the Hayashida Barber Shop, of 19 Praya East.

Mr. L. R. Andrews was for plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo for the defendants who are man and wife.

Mr. Andrews said that he had received a letter from Mr. Lo indicating the defence and stating that the shop was bought by the first defendant, the husband, only and not by the second defendant.

"Wife Would Pay."
His Honour asked whether this meant that in the event of judgment being entered it would be against the husband only and Mr. Lo replied that the only person who appeared to have money was the wife. If judgment was given against the husband the wife would have to pay.

Mr. Andrews said that plaintiff and her husband acquired the shop in 1924 and the business was carried on jointly until the husband's death in 1926. In order to purchase the house, the plaintiff had not sufficient money of her own so she borrowed \$700 from the second defendant. The loan would appear as material to the present action. It was the plaintiff's case that the money was duly paid back but the note given by the plaintiff as security for the loan was never returned and plaintiff would call the evidence to show that the second defendant was for all practical purposes a money lender and that it was quite a habit of hers on repayment of the loan to retain the promissory note by stating that she had lost it.

Business Sold.
On May 18, 1927, the plaintiff sold the business to both defendants, the sale price being \$2,800. The first defendant gave her \$1,000 and the second defendant

the balance. The plaintiff was at that time indebted to the second defendant for \$1,000. As the plaintiff was at that time indebted to the second defendant for \$1,000, the plaintiff was at that time indebted to the second defendant for \$1,000.

HIS LITTLE JOKE.

MAGISTRATE ON RUNNING RECORDS.

In connection with the case against Stoker Gahagan, reported elsewhere, Mr. Macnamara, in his cross-examination of the Chinese driver of motor car No. 190 asked how long it took the witness to run from Lee Yuen-street to the No. 2 Police Station, and was told it took about four minutes.

Mr. Lindsell: A world's record. When told by Inspector Macdonald that the distance between the two points was inside half-a-mile, the Magistrate remarked: "Four minutes is not very fast time for half-a-mile, but its pretty fast for a chauffeur!"

fendant for various loans during her husband's illness, to the amount of \$900 it was arranged that this sum should be set off and that both defendants should give plaintiff a promissory note in respect of the \$900 balance. Although the business appeared to have been sold to both defendants, the wife was, in fact, the one who directed the business, claimed Mr. Andrews. She was a dominating kind of woman and plaintiff also appeared to have done just what she asked.

The return of the plaintiff to Japan and the arrangements she made with another party to collect the outstanding debt by defendants were detailed and it was stated that the second defendant wrote to the plaintiff objecting to the promissory note being "hawked about" among other people and asking, in view of the fact that they were known to each other for so long, that the note might be returned to second defendant's husband. Plaintiff wrote giving this authority, and consequently she could produce no written evidence at all, although she could produce oral evidence. It was claimed, sufficient to prove her case, that the second defendant had been eventually adjourned.

Driver's Evidence.
The driver of the car corroborated Mr. Lo's opening statement. He said he recognised the defendant as the man who wanted to drive the car, and when witness objected, defendant caught hold of him with both hands and shook him, whilst another sailor sitting behind pulled his hair. The defendant was also the man in charge of the wheel of the car at the time of the crash.

The case was adjourned until Saturday morning next.

FOREST FIRE.

YOUNG TREES DESTROYED AT ARS.

Metz, To-day.
During aerial bombing practice a bomb dropped on the forest at Ars and started a conflagration which extended for two miles. Over 100 acres of the finest young trees were destroyed despite the exertions of soldiers and firemen.—Reuter.

NAVAL VISITORS.

See Hong Kong In Ideal Settings.

WELCOME FOR JAPANESE.

To-night's Dinner Of Honour At Government House.

The Japanese naval visitors saw Hong Kong in ideal settings yesterday although the day was rather warm for sight-seeing. During the day some 3,000 officers and men, divided into numerous parties, visited various places of interest in Hong Kong, Kowloon, and the New Territories.

In Kowloon, some detachments took train to Fanling whilst buses were reserved for other parties going to Castle Peak. In Hong Kong, detachments visited the Botanical Gardens, Peak, Repulse Bay, etc., whilst functions arranged in their honour included a cinema show at the Grand Theatre, a tiffin party given to the Commander-in-Chief by the Japanese community, an official reception at Government House and a dinner to Admiral Kato and some of the officers given by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard. Many officers were present at the tennis championship match between Honda and Akiyama and H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn.

The neat appearance of the Japanese sailors and their orderly behaviour created a very favourable impression. Each party was conducted by a British interpreter and the arrangements appeared to be carried through without a hitch.

To-day a tiffin party is being arranged by the Japanese Consul, Mr. Murakami, at which the attendance will be purely Japanese. This will be followed by a reception to the Japanese community at the Hong Kong Hotel, after which motor trips to points of interest have been arranged.

In the evening, a dinner will be given by H.E. the Governor in honour of Admiral Kato and his staff at Government House.

An afternoon cinema will take place at the Grand Theatre in Waichai, for a number of the warrant officers and men, while various trips, on the same lines as those of yesterday, will be made to the chief points of interest on the Island and mainland.

CHARGE AGAINST NAVAL MAN.

Stoker J. Gahagan of H.M.S. "Hawkins" was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell by the Police Traffic Department with two offences against local traffic regulations, as follows:—

(1) unlawfully acting as driver of public motor car No. 190 without an appropriate driver's licence on April 8, and—

(2) unlawfully attempting to drive public motor car No. 190 without an appropriate driver's licence on April 8.

Mr. Horace Lo, who represented the owner of the car, a new Essex, was about to outline the case against the defendant, when Mr. Lindsell interposed and said that he did not see how Mr. Lo could prosecute on behalf of the Traffic Department.

Mr. Lo then said that he was bringing a third charge of assault against the defendant, and on this charge he was prosecuting on behalf of the driver of the car (Tsang Yau-fat).

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, who appeared for the defence, pleaded not guilty to all three charges. The case was then proceeded with.

Four Naval Men.
Outlining the case, Mr. Lo said that the incident occurred in the early morning of April 8, between 1.25 and 1.45 a.m.

The complainant in the case was the driver of public motor car No. 190. At the time in question, he was driving the defendant and three other Naval men along Queen's-road East. When the car got near the Waichai Post Office, about ten blocks from the Waichai Police Station, the sailors wanted to drive the car. The driver objected and stopped the car at the occupants' order. The sailors then got out of the car, and one of them caught the driver by the throat and forced him out of the car. The driver thereupon went to No. 2 Police Station to make a report.

When he came back, he found the car swerving along on the wrong side of the road. As the driver watched the movements of the car, there came a terrific crash about four yards from the junction of Lee Yuen-street and the car was badly damaged.

QUESTION OF DAMAGE.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the question of damage to the car could not be considered, as Mr. Lo could not get more than \$50 damage in the Court.

Mr. Lo replied that he was not applying for damage. There would be proceedings elsewhere in that connection. He mentioned that the actual damage to the car amounted to \$1,000.

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said that after the crash, the four sailors walked away in pairs, going in different directions. The driver recognised the man who had been driving the car and followed him and his companion, until they came to an Indian constable who the driver asked to arrest the two sailors. The men bolted in the direction of the Monument at Happy Valley followed by the constable and the driver. They were eventually found hiding in a doorway in Tai Yuen-street and taken to the police station.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—
Fujibun, from Osaka.
Murray Wanduly, from Shanghai.
Skas Dollar, from Williams Port Pa.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1928.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—
Mrs. Turner, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, from Madras.
Mrs. Christie, 26, Granville-rd., Kowloon, from London.
Din Mohammad, 80, Kowloon City, from Qadian.
Antonio Ossorio, "Empress of Asia," from Manila.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 29th March, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pillar Island in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1928, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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100/100	Pillar Island, off Gili Bay.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	20,000	460	400	\$200
As per sale plan.						

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Public Auctions.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON THURSDAY, the 12th April, 1928, commencing at 11 a.m. at Godowns Nos. 3 and 5, Holt's Wharf, Kowloon.

A Large Quantity of MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

Comprising:—
Soap Powder, Oil, Acid, Lubricating Oil, Nails, Steel Sheets, Round Bars, Angles, Flat Bars, Square Bars, Wire, Packing Hoop, etc., etc.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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Hong Kong, April 11, 1928.

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ON FRIDAY, the 13th April, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at No. 3, Kimberley Villas, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising:—
Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Bookcases, Pictures, Ornaments, Curios, Very Fine Carpets and Carpet Runners, Gramophone, Grand Father Clock, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Dinner Wagon, Dinner Service, Glass Ware, Kitchen Utensils, Ice Chest, etc.

Teak Bedsteads with Mattresses, Wardrobe with Mirror Doors, Dressing Table, Marble Top Washstand, Chest of Drawers, Toilet Set, Chamber Stand, etc., etc.

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LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 6th April, 1928.

NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on THURSDAY, the 12th day of April, 1928, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
C. G. COPLEY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th March, 1928.

HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF Shareholders of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of April, 1928, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1928.

MACAO RACES.

Seventh Extra Race Meeting. SUNDAY, 15th April, 1928. FIRST RACE 1.30 p.m.

Public Enclosure... 40 cents. Members' Enclosure... \$1.00

RACE STEAMERS:

Special reduced Saloon Fares \$5.00 return.
From Hong Kong Wharf. S.S. "TAISHAN" 8.30 a.m.
Returning from Macao at 5.30 p.m.
From Wai Lok St. Wharf. S.S. "SUI AN" 9.30 a.m. Returning from Macao at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

LADIES!

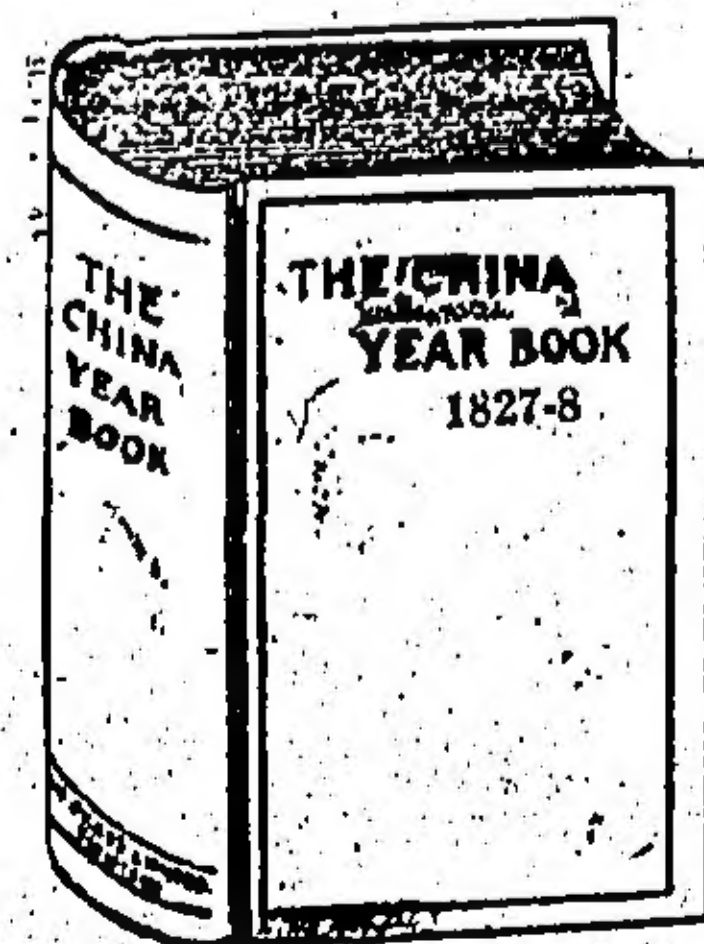
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CABARETS AND TEA DANCES.

YOUNG CHINA.

In an article on Shanghai the theme which at once suggests itself is its far-famed "night life"—a subject on which Shanghaiers are at present feeling rather sore, says "A Visitor from Malaya" in the "Straits Times." The reason is that, owing to the various wars in which China specialises, a number of newspaper correspondents have established themselves on the Shanghai front, and to add variety to their despatches have painted this same night life in lurid colours. There is a sameness about Chinese war-news, not to mention the ever-present risk of confusing the names of towns with the names of generals, and these night life pen pictures always make more interesting reading.

Thus the correspondents have let their typewriters run away with them, depicting Shanghai as a place which out-Paris Paris and makes the West End of London seem quaintly provincial. The impression conveyed is that the average Shanghai man never thinks of going to bed before 5 a.m. and deserts his wife in favour of fair ladies from Harbin. The truth is, of course, that the night life for Shanghai is just that of any large, cosmopolitan city, and the sensation-seeking correspondents are as wide of the mark as was the gentleman who described staid Singapore as a "cesspool of iniquity."

Business Depressed.

Actually the cabaret business of Shanghai is going through a period of considerable depression. In most places there were many more professional dancing partners than visitors, and jazz bands blared their melodies to thinly-peopled floors. Very different was the scene of hotel tea dances where Shanghai residents betake themselves in large numbers and get remarkably good value for money. In return for the admission charge of one dollar—a cheaper dollar than the Singapore variety—they not only have the privilege of dancing on a magnificent floor to a first-rate band, but they are actually given a very substantial tea. It has been said that the one beverage which is not consumed at a Singapore tea dance is that which gives its name to the function.

Very striking to the Singapore visitor is the fact that considerably more than half the patrons of Shanghai hotel dances are Chinese. For that matter the same thing is true in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, and the change from the customary scene in our local hotels at once impresses the Singaporean. Chinese young men, very smart in their double-breasted coats and trousers of Oxford roominess, tread the latest measure with trim and dainty Chinese young ladies, and very skilfully do they do it. Over a thousand people are wont to gather at the Sunday afternoon dances at the Hotel Majestic, and tables are at a premium.

Like A Garrison Town.

Though the cables tell of troops being withdrawn, Shanghai has still very much the appearance of a garrison town. British soldiers and American Marines abound, and the people of Shanghai are very grateful for their presence. If the pseudo-politicians who, for their own ends, shout so loudly that it was unnecessary to despatch the Defence Force had taken the trouble to make a few inquiries on the spot, they would—always supposing that they are truthful—have had a different story to tell. "The Defence Force saved us," say the people of Shanghai of all classes, and it is easy to understand how very real was the danger of less than a year ago, when the Settlement and the French Concession might have been overrun by hordes of undisciplined Chinese troops.

Though conditions are better and the danger from Communistic elements is not so evident as it was, the need for protection still exists. There is always a feeling of uneasiness, that sense of dwelling in the neighbourhood of a volcano which may erupt at any moment. But it is realised that Britain cannot maintain a big force in Shanghai for all time, though troops will certainly be there for the next two or three years, and it is admitted that the Settlement must see to its own protection to the utmost extent possible.

For this reason the Municipal Council has embarked on a campaign of rigorous economy, and a searching eye is being turned on things which some people describe as luxuries. These include the fine Symphony Orchestra which the Council maintain, and which inevitably costs a very considerable sum. "The Orchestra

SILLY THREATS.

"YOU WILL BE DEAD IN TWO DAYS."

ATTEMPT TO TERRORISE.

Letters containing threats which it was alleged, had been sent to several witnesses, were produced at the London Sessions when Arthur Ernest Busby, 21, motor mechanic, was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for stealing sixteen boxes of toffee, the property of his employers, the Silk Candy Company.

Mr. A. B. Lucy, prosecuting, said that since the police-court hearing a man who gave evidence against Busby had received an unsigned communication, which read, "Beware. If you make the same statements you did at Tower Bridge you will be dead in two days. Busby was under orders, and now we order you."

Another witness for the prosecution, said Mr. Lucy, had received a letter containing the words: "Today decides your fate. If A. Busby is convicted through you, your death will be terrible but slow."

It might be added Mr. Lucy, looking up at the public gallery, that some of the persons responsible for the letters were present in court.

The chairman (Sir Robert Wallace, K.C.): I can only say that if any of the witnesses suffer, the persons concerned will receive sentences which they will not forget.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during April, 1928, standard time for the 120th meridian, East of Greenwich, is as follows:—

	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
11th	6.07	6.42
12th	6.06	6.42
13th	6.05	6.43
14th	6.04	6.43
15th	6.03	6.43
16th	6.02	6.44
17th	6.02	6.44
18th	6.01	6.45
19th	6.00	6.45
20th	6.00	6.46
21st	5.59	6.46
22nd	5.58	6.46
23rd	5.57	6.47
24th	5.56	6.47
25th	5.55	6.47
26th	5.55	6.48
27th	5.54	6.48
28th	5.53	6.48
29th	5.52	6.49
30th	5.52	6.49

must not go," say the people who appreciate good music, but then quite a larger number of people are not musical.

The Trade Position.

As to trade, the impression conveyed is that things are much better, but there is a long way to go before they become what they once were. It remains a very hazardous business to send goods inland, for the gentle art of banditry and plunder as practised by various "war lords" is quite a profitable industry, and that staple government for which British politicians so constantly pray is still no more than a pious hope. Whether there will ever again be any sort of a "united china" is exceedingly doubtful. A separate North and South for all time appears to be much more likely, and many people do not hesitate to say that the British Government would have done well to have recognised the Nationalists.

But superficially at any rate Shanghai is a very busy and prosperous place. Huge blocks of flats continue to spring up, and are fully occupied as soon as they are ready. Property is at a premium, every available inch of space is occupied, and the streets are thronged with traffic. Singapore's so-called traffic problem is child's play compared with that of Shanghai, with its narrow streets, and it is amazing how order is maintained in thoroughfares where two trolley buses abreast completely fill the road. In comparison Singapore is a town of huge open spaces and broad boulevards. And Singapore is thrice blessed in the matter of its staple currency, which knows nothing of the mysteries of "large" money and "small" money, and an avalanche of copper coins as change out of a twenty-cent piece.

Still Shanghai is a most interesting city to visit. Living would appear to be cheaper than in Singapore, though, as invariably happens, the salary of the man in the street is less than that of his Singapore confrere. A dollar is worth less than that of Malaya, but goes farther, and flats and lighting are reasonable, as Eastern prices go.

BLOOD TESTS.

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DETECTION OF CRIME.

At the Royal Institute of Public Health Dr. G. Roche Lynch, Senior Medical Analyst to the Home Office, read a paper on "Some Problems in Medico-Legal Practice." Mr. Justice Travers Humphreys presided.

Dealing with the recent "amplification of the technique" in blood-stain examination through blood groups, Dr. Lynch said that this discovery of blood groups differing in various persons was made just before the war in the transfusion of blood to seriously wounded men.

It was then discovered that there were four different kinds of blood in human beings, and it was possible to find out the group to which an individual belonged by taking a test of his or her blood. An application of this discovery in medico-legal work occurred in the examination of blood stains.

It was a valuable test to prove the innocent innocent or the guilty guilty. Dr. Lynch thought the test was likely to prove even more valuable in the future. Even if a murderer or assailant refused to submit to a blood test you could still compare the blood stains on the clothing of the victim and on the clothing of the assailant.

LEPROSY CURE.

MANILA PHYSICIANS DOUBT NEW PLAN.

Manila, April 6.

The Associated Press yesterday brought the news that a new treatment of leprosy had been discovered in South Africa consisting of deliberately maintaining a fever temperature in the patient for the purpose of "burning up" the bacilli.

Local medical authorities, when seen regarding the alleged new treatment yesterday, declared that while it might be worthy of further experimentation, they believed that the treatment lacked great scientific value.

A prominent official of the Philippine health service when seen yesterday on this subject expressed much doubt as to the efficacy of the alleged new treatment. He said that subjecting the patient to fever attacks may do more harm than good. The leprosy bacilli, according to him, live even in high temperature, and to exterminate them the temperature would have to be so high that even the patient himself would have to succumb.

Dr. Eloy V. Pineda, formerly a physician at the Cullion leper colony and now connected with the leprosy division of the San Lazaro Hospital, declared that the leprosy bacilli thrived in a temperature as high as 40 degrees. He added that in Cullion efforts were made to experiment with secondary infection to improve the treatment of leprosy but no positive results were accomplished. "From data I have in hand, the effectiveness of the new treatment, seems doubtful to me," Dr. Pineda said.

Dr. Paz L. Teopaco, another member of the San Lazaro leprosy staff, declared that the alleged new treatment will bring no results more effective than are being obtained with the use of chaulmoogra oil because a high temperature does not affect leprosy bacilli in advanced cases.

A Tientsin telegram to the Chinese papers says that a vessel belonging to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, carrying 40,000 bags of flour, was sunk by a Japanese vessel in the Haiho a couple of days ago.



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NOTED ECONOMIST.

JEREMIAH W. JENKS, FAMED INTERNATIONALIST.

VISITING MANILA.

Manila, April 5.

Jeremiah W. Jenks, internationally known political economist, will arrive in Manila on April 8 on board the "Empress of Canada." He will stay here for several days to study local conditions.

Professor Jenks is director of the division of Oriental Commerce and Politics in New York University, a position he has been holding since 1917. He is regarded as an expert on Far Eastern affairs, both politically and economically. Before joining the professorial staff of the New York University he was professor of political science of Cornell University, holding that position from 1891 to 1912. He has also been a professor on the same subject in other well-known colleges and universities in the United States.

Between 1899 and 1910 he was expert agent of the United States Industrial Commission on the investigation of trusts and industrial combinations in America and Europe, and at the same time he was consulting expert on the same subject of the department of labour. In 1901 he was appointed special commissioner by the war department to study the questions of currency, labour, internal taxation and police in the Oriental, and two years later was in charge of currency reforms in Mexico and China. From 1907 to 1910 he was member of the United States Immigration Commission, and in 1916 was one of the two neutral arbitrators to settle the dispute between the Switchmen's Union of North America and certain railway companies. He held various offices in economic societies in the United States and was the founder of the Far Eastern Bureau.

Professor Jenks is also an author of note, most of his works dealing on economics and economic problems.

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ON CHINA.

ADDRESS IN LONDON BY SIR F. WHYTE.

BRITAIN'S PROBLEM.

A fairly well attended gathering of business men listened to an inspiring address on China at the School of Oriental Studies on March 6. The speaker was Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., who was leader of the Delegation which represented Britain at the second Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations at Honolulu in July last, and who subsequently, at the invitation of the Chinese delegates to this Conference, paid a visit to China.

Mr. L. N. Leefe, chairman of the China Association, was in the chair, and among those present were Sir Charles Addis, Sir James Stewart Lockhart, Sir Montagu Turner, Mr. H. D. C. Jones, Mr. H. G. Simms, Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E., Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. H. G. Simms, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. A. E. Angier and others, including a number of ladies.

Pointing out that it was a mistake to read the situation in China in terms of the past, Sir Frederick Whyte said democracy was too firmly rooted there for history to repeat itself. No one could see what would be the result of the working out of the idea in China of Government based on the consent of the people, but that the idea had taken root there was certain. What was now needed was consolidation and reunification. The revolutionary movement had proceeded so far as to have devoured some of its children, and was now beginning to teach some of those who remained. Speaking of the present situation, Sir Frederick said if it were possible to get co-operation between Feng, Yen, Canton, Hankow and Nanking, then he believed it would be possible for the Nationalists to carry Peking in a very short time, but he was afraid that the hope of that co-operation among people, many of whom only pay lip service to the principles of Sun Yat-sen and to the Kuomintang, was somewhat Utopian. Having referred at length to Russia's part in the revolution, he said that one lesson of it was the need the Chinese have for assistance if given in the right way.

The British problem was how to get over the immense obstacle of prejudice so as to be able to take the place of the Russians, but serve the Chinese in a different manner. The problem of 1928 was

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to get over the immense obstacle of prejudice created by past hostility in our relations with China. The primary interest that originally took us to China was economic. China was a market for our goods and a source of supply for raw materials, though some had formed excessive expectations of the country's undeveloped resources. The primary need in China to-day was the expenditure of money on productive purposes. We were a long way yet from the development of means by which foreign money could find its way into China under conditions which would give reasonable security, but China was well aware that the time was coming when she would not be able to maintain herself at all unless she could get money with reasonable prospect of success to the lender. There were \$77,000,000 of British capital in China, \$49,000,000 being in Government loans and the remainder in railways, and this took no account of the interests of the great banks and commercial houses established there. There were some who were inclined to think that the excessive manifestation of the Nationalist spirit was due to the missions and educational institutions, but it was to European influence, introduced by Europeans on their arrivals in China, and not to European institutions, that a great part of the chaos must be attributed. Turning to the Hankow agreement, the speaker said that although the Chen-O'Malley agreement was done in a hurry, nevertheless Hankow was not so badly off as many believed. There was more trade going on than the people knew of. This was partly due to the Chamberlain policy, and partly to the departure of the Russians, but mainly because there was someone on the spot who was able to guarantee security of life and property, namely the two British cruisers lying in the river. A real national policy was a very important element in our dealings with the Chinese. The new policy was not a policy of force—if it were he would have nothing to do with it—but he believed that the element of dealing face to face, the element of the ability to defend our own position, though not in any provocative way, was essential. In the course of evolution it was a policy that must be crowded out, but they could not immediately afford to abandon it. That policy had justified itself, and the unfortunate thing was that it was not adopted years ago. Sir Frederick instanced the negotiations regarding the Shanghai Budget of 1928, between the Chinese and the Municipal Council, as a triumph of the new order. The British Government, he added, rightly acknowledged that for the future the title upon which the foreign rights in China were founded was not valid, and that, therefore, the process of placing rights on a new foundation must be begun at the earliest possible moment.

In conclusion, Sir Frederick repeated his belief that the Chinese would accept assistance which must eventually be on a large scale. It was not likely, however, that they would get united action by a group of the Powers, but there was the League of Nations with all its machinery. When the Chinese understood that without invasion of sovereignty and their sense of patriotism they could employ the assistance of the League of Nations to put them on their feet once more, and when they understood the enormous change that had come over international relationship, they would be on the high road to permanent peace in their own country. (Applause.)

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The "P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" from Hong Kong arrived London on April 6 at 7 a.m.

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The "M.V. "Toledo" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on Feb. 13 and is due here to-morrow.

The "P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" left Shanghai for this port on April 10, at 4 p.m., with mails, and is due here on April 13, at about 6 a.m.

The "P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 6 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on March 13 at about 9 p.m.

The "O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on March 18 at Noon.

The American Mail Line s.s. "President Madison," when she sailed from Hong Kong yesterday for Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco and Los Angeles, had over 150 first-class and 600 steerage passengers, of which 85 and 142 respectively joined the ship at Hong Kong.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

The report at the Harbour Office, for cargo imported to the Colony in the time under review ending 9 a.m. this morning, shows a greater total to yesterday's amount, being well above the average. The figures obtained are 12,220 tons of general merchandise being imported by about 14 vessels. The arrival of vessels recorded total 17 vessels, of which the British claim 3; French and Dutch 1, Norwegian and Japanese 3, and the Chinese 6. Of the 12,220 tons, the British carried 728 tons, while the Chinese with 6 vessels shipped 1,776 tons mostly from up-river ports.

Cargo being transported to ports beyond, amounts to a total far below the average, that of 7,247 tons. Six vessels in all departed, but only 6 vessels are carrying the cargo, of which the British claim 238 tons.

The Japanese again register the best figures for both cargo imported and shipped through, the greatest figures recorded for the former was shown by the s.s. "Nissei Maru" from Bangkok, Koksichang—Messrs. Sato & Co.—4,101 tons general goods; while that for the latter was contributed by the s.s. "Morioke Maru" from Calcutta, Singapore, Messrs. O.S.K.—4,909 tons general merchandise.

Passengers arrived in the Colony by the above steamers totals 2,908 persons, which includes 2,909 Asiatic deck, 154 Asiatic cabin, 90 European cabin, and 55 European deck.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures
British	3
French	1
Dutch	1
Norwegian	3
Japanese	3
Chinese	6
American	0
German	0
	17

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For Foochow:—Au Lee.

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CORDITE BURNING.

The Naval Armament Supply Office state in a notification to the Harbour Master, that on Friday next, (Apr. 13) some unserviceable cordite will be burnt at Stonecutters-rifle range in the morning.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

The following figures were obtained showing the return of passenger traffic for the month ending March 31:—

Arrivals	Departures
Ocean going steamers	52,221
River steamers	73,212
Junks and launches	101,898
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	6,123
	156,952
	181,222

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 9	June 2	June 5	June 7	June 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 11
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 13	June 16	June 19	June 21	June 24
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	July 4	July 7	July 10	July 12	July 15
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	July 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 9
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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Friday, 27th April.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports.

LONDON MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 30th April.

ALABAMA MARU Thursday, 10th May.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

MENADO MARU Tuesday, 18th April.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

JAPAN PORTS

ANDES MARU Friday, 13th April.

SHINNOH MARU Wednesday, 18th April.

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Further information has recently reached the Imperial Merchant Service Guild regarding the tragic circumstances in which their member, Mr. W. R. Jones, together with a seaman, lost their lives in the oil tanker "Daghestan" at Balikpapan.

This is an extract from the "Singapore Free Press" of January 18, which states that the tragedy occurred during the vessel's stay in port at Balikpapan on January 7, and how both men met their deaths is uncertain. A continuous watch is kept whilst the vessel is in port, and the second officer, Mr. W. R. Jones, was in charge of the watch from 12 midnight until 4 a.m. with a seaman, J. Thompson. Their duties consisted of inspecting the benzine tanks from time to time, and opening and closing the valves in the tanks. The seaman had to attend to this duty, and the master's standing orders were that he must be accompanied during his inspection by the officer of the watch.

List to Starboard.
What actually happened is not known, but at half-past three in the morning the shore loading superintendent observed that the vessel had a list to starboard and informed the master, Captain W. Jackson, who called for the officer of the watch, and stopped the filling of the starboard tank. As the officer could not be found anywhere, a thorough search of the vessel was made, and the two men were eventually discovered near one of the starboard benzine tanks, dead.

It is assumed that the seaman, in opening one of the valves of the tank near which the men were found, was severely gassed and fell down unconscious. On seeing this, it is supposed, the second officer went to his assistance and was himself gassed. The officers' living quarters are near by, but other officers did not hear any noise to suggest that anything was amiss, whilst dockside workers alongside the vessel were also unaware that anything of an untoward nature had happened.

The captain is at a loss to explain why the officer did not use the gas masks and rescue apparatus carried on board the ship in compliance with the Board of Trade regulations, or call some of the crew. Unfortunately this was not done, and as there were no other members of the crew in sight at the time of the tragedy, the men were not discovered until too late. Immediately on being taken into the fresh air artificial respiration was resorted to and continued until a doctor, hurriedly summoned, had pronounced life extinct.

Dutch Kindness.
The funeral of the two unfortunate men took place at five o'clock the same afternoon, at Balikpapan, and a large assembly was present, including about 50 officers from various Dutch vessels in the harbour. The many kindnesses shown by the Dutch authorities and the populace of Balikpapan were very greatly appreciated by the crew, as also were the number of wreaths received from the Dutch residents at the port.

Second Officer Jones has had considerable experience of oil tankers, and joined the "Daghestan" in May last year.
An inquiry into the tragedy will probably be held later.

Second Officer Jones resided at Salisbury-street, South Shields, and Seaman Thompson at the Police Station, Wissett, Halesworth.

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DEPARTURES.

First-class passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the A.M.L. "President Madison" for San Francisco via ports on April 10 were:-
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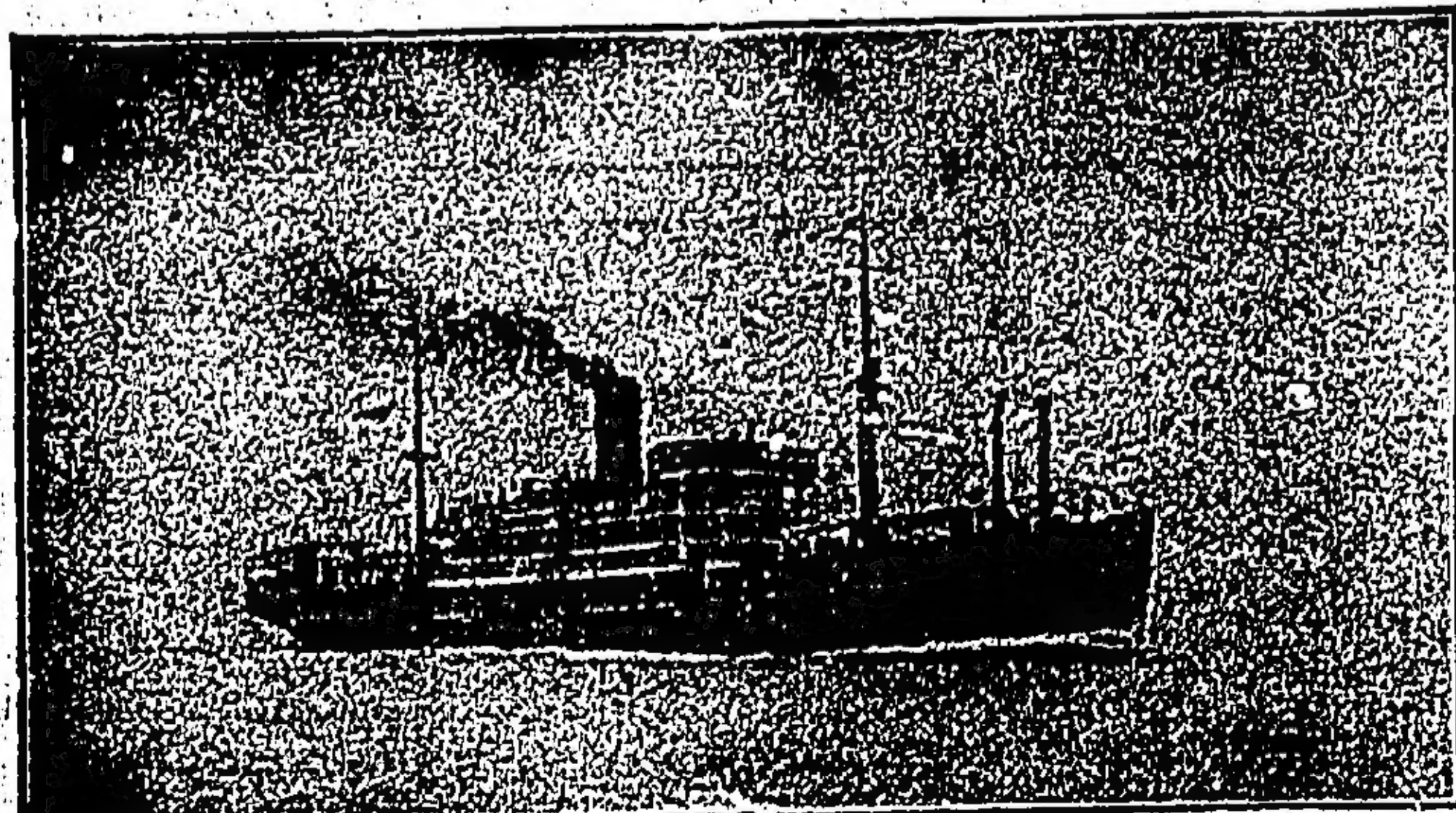
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THE WILES OF DIPLOMACY.

It has been said, though we will not vouch for the truth of the assertion, that Britain's supremacy in India is maintained by reason of the religious and other factional differences that exist among the people that go to make up the inhabitants of that land. The suggestion, not a very creditable one, behind the statement is that whilst these inter-racial differences are kept at fever heat, even encouraged, our rule in India will suffer no material or effective opposition. And this attitude of mind which is credited to Britain may, without any undue stretch of the imagination, be likewise credited to some of the war-lords and regional commanders that flourish in China to-day. It has often been said that the cause of the failure of foreigners in China is the fact that, nation and nation, they do not co-operate, that each seems afraid of his neighbour, that every one is self-seeking and guides its policy in accordance with what may be obtained from China, taking no heed of the rights, requirements or privileges of other foreigners.

In this statement, as we all know, there is some truth, a lot of truth. But the point we are attempting to make is that the foreigners themselves are not entirely to blame. There cannot be co-operation if the Chinese will not allow co-operation. Take, for instance, the matter of the Nanking Rape. America has effected a settlement with the Nationalist Government, and the terms of the settlement, we know now, are not so one-sided as they were expected to have been, particularly

in view of the failure of Sir Miles Lampson. Britain, critics have it, would have accepted a similar settlement. This, as we have before inferred, we doubt; but was Britain offered a similar settlement? The evidence we have at hand suggests that such was not the case, that, in fact, the Nationalists have accepted from America less than they were prepared to accept from Britain, and perhaps less than they were prepared to accept from Japan. This does not necessarily mean that we asked of the Nationalists more than the United States asked.

In support of our suggestion we have the cables that were issued at the time of the negotiations between Sir Miles Lampson and General Huang Fu, the Nationalist Minister of Foreign Affairs. Reuter's Agency reported from Shanghai on March 25 that the points on which the negotiations broke down were the Chinese demands for expressions of regret for shelling Socony Hill and the revision of the so-called unequal treaties. If this is true, it is obvious that the terms of a settlement with Britain were entirely different from the terms of settlement with America. As the Notes that passed between Mr. Macmurray and General Huang Fu show, these points were raised as a kind of after-thought; and it is also shown that America refused, as Britain of course refused, to agree to these specific demands. Nevertheless there has been a Nanking Patch with the United States whilst the British negotiations have broken down completely. Which points to a degree of truth in our surmise that it is suiting the Nationalist book to play one foreign nation against another, for that is what it amounts to.

Our Japanese Visitors.

The visit to Hong Kong of so large and important a section of the Japanese Fleet is a matter that is meeting with general satisfaction. The battleships, cruiser and destroyers present a fine spectacle even here where we are accustomed to a splendid array of warships. And it must be a long time since our harbour was visited by so many foreign naval officers and blue-jackets as on the present occasion for our visitors from Nippon number the substantial total of 6,000. They are very welcome; for though the Japanese are, comparatively speaking, our neighbours we seldom have an opportunity of welcoming so large an influx into our midst. It is only by actual contact with one another that various peoples learn to know one another, and it is to be hoped, appreciate one another all the more readily for such a meeting. On the present occasion, as a man-

ing such an excellent representation of the Japanese Navy among us, quite an exhaustive programme of events, official and unofficial, has been prepared, which we feel sure will afford much pleasure to all who participate in them. One cannot but note—and Britons note with particular pleasure—that the Japanese Navy is very largely modelled on the British Navy, and we understand that the regulations prevailing throughout the Navy of Dai Nippon very closely resemble those of Great Britain. Such a fact adds to the pleasure that is felt in Hong Kong in welcoming the Japanese officers and blue-jackets for, in such a matter as in others, imitation is undoubtedly the sincerest form of flattery. But we are well aware that the Japanese in modelling their Navy upon ours had much more serious intentions than merely to imitate or to flatter for, being the able and acute people they are, they realise that they could not do better than build their comparatively young Navy upon ours, which is ripe in experience. As we shall have much pleasure in having so fine a body of sailormen with us during the next few days, we trust that the visit will be equally agreeable to our Japanese friends.

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In order to permit of the continuance of the Chinese Faculty of the Hong Kong University to cover a course of four years study a considerable sum in addition to the \$40,000 collected from Chinese friends in the Straits Settlements by Professor Lai Che-hai has been found necessary.

With a view to devising ways and means of raising this sum, a meeting of Chinese merchants was called at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday by Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

The meeting decided to try to raise a sum in the neighbourhood of \$1,000,000. If the effort was successful, about \$60,000 would be assigned to the erection of a building in the University grounds for the Chinese Faculty.

There were forty-one Chinese merchants and other prominent Chinese citizens present at the meeting and these were formed into a Committee to superintend the raising of the money.

MISS LINWOOD.

HIGH PRESTIGE OF NEEDLEWORK.

THE RAGE OF LONDON.

The life-work of Mary Linwood was the making of needlework copies of English and Italian paintings. These copies were of the same size as the originals, and were in solid embroidery. Miss Linwood, who was a "gentlewoman of some fortune," was born in 1765, and lived at Leicester where her mother kept a school for young ladies. Upon her mother's death Mary succeeded to the school and conducted it in addition to many other occupations. She also had a practical knowledge of music, being the composer of many published songs and an oratorio.

She began doing her needlework pictures when she was thirteen years old, and by the time she was twenty had a large number standing to her credit. Every facility was given her for copying the works of the greatest artists, proof in itself that her work was highly esteemed. The Royal Academy refused permission for her work to be hung, on the ground that under their charter needlework was excluded.

Artist to the Court.

In 1783 she visited the court of Russia, and was cordially received by Catherine the Great. In 1785 her pictures were shown "by command" to King George III and Queen Charlotte. After Royalty had given its sanction she opened a public exhibition of her work in 1787 at the Pantheon, a large number of her pictures being shown. At this time she was thirty-two years old and besides keeping in her exhibition running she continued to embroider incessantly. For sixty years her work was the rage of fashionable London. Fox and Byron, Horace Walpole, the Duchess of Devonshire, the Prince Regent, Beau Brummel, were all among her patrons.

A Sixty-Year Show.

HONGKEW FRACAS.

JAPANESE MARINES IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

COOLIE ALLEGED KILLED.

An unfortunate incident took place last week-end in the Hongkew district, when one of two Japanese Marines, or possibly both, is alleged to have stabbed a richsha coolie, who later died from the effects of his wounds. There was an altercation over the amount to be paid for the ride. Insp. J. W. Prince hurried to the scene and upon the arrival of the Japanese patrol the Marines were arrested by them.

At the Public Mortuary, Judge Koh and Deputy Whitamore presiding, Det.-Insp. Prince said that when he began his investigations he found one of the Japanese in a restaurant sitting on a blood-stained stool. He was drinking beer. The other apparently was trying to sleep in the corner. The latter had a blood-stained bandage on one hand and some fresh blood on the flesh. One of the Chinese servants in the restaurant told Mr. Prince that he saw a Marine washing a blood-stained dagger under a faucet, while another had seen one of them hiding a dagger. This weapon Mr. Prince found behind some rice boxes, says the "N. C. Daily News."

The hearing was adjourned.

The comment of the three Japanese papers is of a similar nature, they intimating that the coolie was killed in self-defence, although "it must be considered that the Marines used excessive means to defend themselves." The Japanese are said to have left the Ikes Restaurant, at the corner of Woosung-road and Yalu-road, engaged richshas to convey them to the No. 2 Kinokuni Restaurant in Yuhang-road. The men are said to have paid the coolies six coppers each, and then to have given the coolies another 10 coppers, but the latter insisted on more.

Hearing the noise a crowd gathered, the papers add, which included several apprentices from a foundry. One blew a police whistle and is stated to have handed the richsha coolie a chisel. The paper concludes, "The Marines were helpless unless certain measures of self-defence were adopted... whilst threatening the coolie with the knife, the latter was stabbed."

Richsha Coolies' Protest.

The following protest was issued in connection with the affair by the Shanghai Richsha Coolies' Association in a letter addressed to the District Kuomin-tang:

"On the night of the 30th (of March) Japanese sailors engaged public richsha number 7390 and, without provocation, assaulted and murdered a Chinese richsha coolie. Nominally, a quarrel arose over the amount of fare paid. Upon hearing of this matter, the Association immediately called a meeting to discuss it, and it was decided to demand that the offenders should be brought to justice."

"Japanese in China have always used high-handed methods and now they have not even stopped at murder. They want to insult us and never lose an opportunity to do so. Their reason is that they are strong and we are weak, and that we do not possess strength enough to oppose them."

"This Association has been formed for the protection of richsha coolies and labourers generally. Now one of our Chinese richsha coolies has been ruthlessly murdered, it devolves upon us to do something to protect his interests."

"We, therefore, have to ask you to lodge the following demands:—

1. That the offender should be severely punished;
2. That indemnity should be paid;
3. That the Japanese authorities shall give a definite assurance that there shall be no similar occurrences in future; and
4. That the Japanese authorities should publicly apologise and so uphold China's honour."

filled in her canvas, stitching in any direction that served her purpose. Her stitches do not come under any standard classification of long and short stitches, but with them she was able to obtain new shadings. In fact, she painted with her needle. She copied five paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds, and several by Gainsborough, Opie, Stubbs, and Morland, in addition to large numbers of copies of the great Italians, Raphael, Guido, Carlo Dolce, and Martini. Then, with wools dyed under her

POLICE RESERVE.

INSPECTION BY THE GOVERNOR.

"COMMENTS."

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police.

Governor's Inspection.

His Excellency the Governor will inspect the Hong Kong Police Reserve in conjunction with the Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Fire Brigade on Tuesday, April 17, on the Murray Parade Ground. All members of the Police Reserve are requested to make an endeavour to be present, and those attending will fall in on the Central Police Station Compound at 3.30 p.m. prompt. Dress: Blue uniform with Cap and White cover, and Belt (no truncheon).

Practice Parade.

Members of the Chinese, Indian, and Flying Squad Companies (Sharpshooters' Company—optional) will attend a practice parade on Wednesday, April 11. Fall in at Central Police Station at 3.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: as above.

Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constable R.57 Wong Man-ying has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from March 12.

Flying Squad.

There will be no instructional patrol on Thursday, April 12 nor on Thursday, April 19.

Commended Service Badge.

The Hon. C.S.P. has been pleased to grant Commended Service Badges to the following members of the Hong Kong Police Reserve:—

L.S.R.18 Hwang Hong Yeh.—A very hard working and zealous Reservist. Highly commended by the C.S.P. for assisting the Regular Police in arrest of pickpocket on August 27, 1927. Commended by the C.S.P. for prompt and correct action in searching and arresting a Chinese found to be carrying seditious literature on November 29, 1927.

Constable R.14 Harry Loo.—Secured information revealing a case of murder at Castle Peak on May 19, 1927, on this information being given to Mr. King, D.C.I., a man was arrested on a charge of murdering his wife. This Constable rendered great assistance in the enquiries and in searching for the body of the murdered woman. The accused was however acquitted at the Supreme Court owing to insufficiency of evidence. Arrested a man for larceny of cloth at Alexandra Buildings on January 12, 1928, most of the stolen goods recovered. Defendant sentenced to four weeks' hard labour. Arrested a pickpocket outside of Supreme Court on February 1, 1928, subsequently found to be a returned banished. Accused sentenced to 6 months with hard labour.

L.S.R.15 Ow-Yeung Kin Heng.—Highly commended by the C.S.P. for zeal and skill in the investigation of a case "Conspiracy to defraud" in November 1927.

Constable R.55 T. C. Woo.—Commended by the C.S.P. for prompt assistance in the arrest of a thief on November 18, 1927. Commended by C.S.P. for valuable assistance given to the Regular Police in the recovery of stolen goods on February 21, 1928.

Constable R.8 Tso Tsun On.—Highly commended by C.S.P. for prompt action in securing arrest of two men charged with attempted larceny of silk on September 27, 1927.

Constable R.29 Tsui Tong.—This constable was one of those who assisted the D.C.I. in raiding the Seamen's Union in May 1927.

Constable R.215 Fazal Mohamed.—Highly commended by C.S.P. for jumping into the harbour on July 24, 1927, and rescuing a Chinese woman from drowning.

Cr. Sergt. R.302 Harry Kong and Constable R.309 Robert Young.—Commended by C.S.P. for assisting the Regular Police in arrest of an armed man and, it is owing to their initiative and example that the Flying Squad has reached its present state of efficiency.

Cr. Sergt. R.383 E. C. Randall.—Commended by C.S.P. for the prompt assistance rendered to the Regular Police on October 4, 1927, by conveying to hospital in his side-car a seriously injured workman thus averting any delay in securing medical attention. Commended by C.S.P. for his promptness in responding to an emergency call in December 1927.

(Sgd.) W. RENT, A.S.P.

Adjutant.

Hong Kong, April 10, 1928.

AUTOMATIC PHONE.

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Local Rates.
In this connection it should be remembered that the Telephone Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce in their Report of August, 1922, suggested a rate of \$120.00 per exchange line for the year 1926, and, moreover, in fixing such rates the payment of a royalty to Government of \$4.00 per exchange line was not contemplated. I would call your attention to the fact that this Company has not hitherto applied for the higher rates recommended, although the telephone service has, in the meantime, been very considerably improved.

Allocation of Profits.
I now formally propose that the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the Financial Year ending December 31, 1927, as presented, be adopted, and that the following Appropriations recommended by the Directors be confirmed:—
Payment of a Final Dividend of 3 per cent. making 8 per cent. for the year \$36,130.00
Transfer to General Reserve 50,000.00
Bonus to European Staff 8,199.98
Bonus to Operators 4,534.00
To carry forward to next account 7,015.47
and I shall be obliged if a Shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the Report and Accounts may be raised.

Other Business.
Mr. C. G. S. Mackie seconded the adoption of the reports and accounts and confirmation of appropriations.—Carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Raymond seconded by Mr. Tolan, Mr. H. H. Blake's appointment to the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. B. Lander Lewis, was confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr. Tolan seconded by Mr. Hawker, the appointments of Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie as Directors (nominees of the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company) were confirmed.

The re-election of Mr. J. Scott Harston and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall as Directors was proposed by Mr. Tolan, seconded by Mr. Raymond and carried.

Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at the same remuneration as hitherto, on the proposition of Mr. Hawker seconded by Mr. Raymond.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had on application at the Company's offices.

SUSPICIOUS CASE.

OPIUM IN AN INDIAN'S BOX.

Teja Singh, a Sikh Sergeant of Indian Guards employed on board the s.s. "Kochow," was yesterday afternoon charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the unlawful possession in his box on board the ship of eight tins of prepared illicit opium. He pleaded that the drug was "blanted" on him. Asked to give a reason why others should seek to get him into trouble, the defendant said that he had previously had occasion to report two other Guards for drunkenness, and suggested that they might be responsible. The defendant also claimed that the padlock found on his box at the time the opium was discovered, was a new one, and not the lock he had used. The Magistrate decided to give the defendant the benefit of the doubt and discharged him. This was because another Guard on the ship had given information which led to the defendant's box being searched, and Mr. Lindsell said that this in itself made the case a suspicious one.

OPIUM FINDS.

TWO WATERFRONT HAULS.

Yesterday afternoon, Revenue Officers searched a black suitcase belonging to a Chinese passenger coming off the s.s. "Kinshan" and found 5½ tins of prepared non-Government opium hidden in the false bottom of the baggage. The owner and two coolies who were carrying the baggage were arrested. This morning they were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession of the illicit drug. The passenger admitted all responsibility and was fined \$4,000 or eight months' jail. The two coolies were discharged.

Two other Chinese who were arrested on the waterfront with fairly large quantities of opium in their possession were also charged. One man was fined \$3,000 or six months, and the other \$1,500 or three months' hard labour.

\$1,000 DONATION.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF CHINESE.

MR. KWOK SIU-LAU.

In addition to donating \$50,000 to the University, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, J.P., a retired comprador of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, has given \$1,000 to the University School of Chinese.

"Commendable Object."

Mr. Kwok's letter reads as follows:—
"H.E. the Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, Government House, Hong Kong.

"Your Excellency—I understand that Your Excellency is now hoping that money may be raised for the establishment of a Chinese School in the University of Hong Kong.

"This is an object that appeals strongly to me. I have recently contributed \$50,000 to the University to be devoted to such purposes connected therewith as Your Excellency may think best. The Vice-Chancellor has informed me that Your Excellency has decided to put the \$50,000 aside to accumulate, with its interests with a view to the subsequent establishment of a Chair of Biology.

"Your Excellency's decision in this matter meets with my entire approval, but I feel that I must make a small additional contribution of \$1,000 towards the proposed University School of Chinese. Accordingly, I enclose a cheque for \$1,000 and in the sincere hope that the money which is needed for the commendable object now in view will be forthcoming.

"I beg to subscribe myself, Your Excellency's obedient servant, (Sd.) Kwok Siu-lau.

After All—

To which H.E. the Governor (as Chancellor of the University) replied:—

Hong Kong, April 11.

"Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, 49, Robinson-road.
"Dear Mr. Kwok Siu-lau.—Very many thanks for your letter of the 10th April. I am glad to see that you approve of the decision to set aside your generous contribution of \$50,000 to accumulate at compound interest in order to provide for the future establishment of a Chair of Biology at the Hong Kong University.

"It is also a great pleasure to me to see that you are in full sympathy with the appeal now being made for funds in order to establish permanently a Chinese School in the University of Hong Kong. I am grateful to you for the cheque of \$1,000 which you enclose as a contribution to that fund and I share your hope that the money which is needed for this commendable object will speedily be forthcoming. After all, if a thousand firms or individuals in this Colony followed your good example, the full sum necessary for establishing and endowing such a School would be obtained.
"I am, Yours sincerely, (Sd.) C. Clementi.

FALSE PRETENCES.

EX-QUEEN'S COLLEGE CLERK CONVICTED.

"OVERLOOKED" OFFENCES.

Pau Tat-shing, who was on February 15 last sentenced, by Major C. Willson, to three months' hard labour for obtaining money by false pretences, whilst in the employ of the Director of Education, as a clerk at Queen's College, was again before the Court this morning.

Detective Sergeant Carey preferred two other charges against the prisoner as follows:—

Obtaining \$85 by false pretences on August 11, 1926, and obtaining \$150 by false pretences on September 30, 1926. There were alternative charges of "falsifying" accounts in relation to the two sums of money.

The Sergeant told the Magistrate that the present frauds were discovered since the prisoner was sentenced for offences committed in 1927.

The accused, in admitting the charges, said that when he was previously charged he had asked the defending solicitor, Mr. Leo d'Almada, to mention other offences not specified, but somehow this was overlooked. In the circumstances he asked the Magistrate to treat him leniently on this occasion.

Major Willson said that the fact that the prisoner did mention the earlier offences to his solicitor did not make any difference, as if those offences had been made known to the Court at the previous hearing he would have passed a heavier sentence.

The prisoner was ordered to serve additional terms of one month's hard labour on each of the two new charges.
The alternative counts were dropped.

OBITUARY.

DISTINGUISHED LONDON JOURNALIST PASSES AWAY.

E. R. THOMPSON.

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Mr. E. R. Thompson.—Reuter.

Mr. Edward Raymond Thompson Chief Editor of the "Evening Standard" died suddenly to-day, says a British Wireless message of yesterday's date. Under the pen name of E. T. Raymond, he wrote many penetrating political portraits. His first book was, "Uncensored Celebrities," in which and in succeeding volumes he presented a large group of political figures of the last 80 years. The best of his books is considered to be his biography of Disraeli. He was also the author of "Portraits of the Nineties."

Quite recently Messrs. Benn published a new volume by E. T. Raymond, entitled "Portraits of the New Century," which may be regarded as a companion volume to his "Portraits of the Nineties."

Mr. Thompson was a journalist of wide experience and a writer clear-headed and incisive. He was at one time associated with the "Star," the "Mirror," the old "Standard," and had also been editor of "The Outlook."

During the first two years of the century he edited "The Japan Gazette" at Yokohama. For some time past Mr. Thompson had occupied the editorial chair of the "Evening Standard," London.

RUBBER POLICY.

DIVERGENT VIEWS OF STRAITS GROWERS.

RESTRICTION EFFECT.

Singapore, Yesterday.

There are divergent views as to what policy rubber growers should adopt in consequence of the impending abolition of restriction. Some point out the danger of tapping all out and piling up a stock which will flood the market when restriction ceases. Other authorities believe that estates should mark time in expectation of the industry reorganising itself and that some scheme will be evolved which will put the market on a firm ground, and bring back prices to a remunerative level.—Reuter.

STRANGE AFFAIR.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE SHOT.

BULLET EXTRACTED.

Constantinople, Yesterday.

Herr Schlemmer, the Representative of the League of Nations and Director of the local branch of the International Labour Office, has been admitted to hospital suffering from a bullet wound. It is not known how it was inflicted.

The bullet has been extracted, and the patient is said to be out of danger. The police are making inquiries.—Reuter.

TALKING MACHINES.

FUSION RUMOURS REACT ON EXCHANGES.

London, To-day.

There is considerable excitement in gramophone shares consequent upon persistent rumours of the fusion of the American Victor Talking Machine Company with the British Columbia Gramophone and the Gramophone companies, Columbia's 10s. shares, which at the beginning of the year were quoted at under £7 reached yesterday £13-10s.

The secretaries of the Gramophone and Columbia companies, however, deny they have ever heard of the suggestion of a fusion.

New York cables that officials of the Victor are "equally ignorant" but it is obvious that that Stock Exchanges give credence to the rumours.—Reuter.

A Chinese schoolboy named Yuen Sze, aged 12 years, living at No. 10, Sam To-lane, was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of several others went bathing at Kennedy-town at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He went out of his depth and was nearly drowned. Friends went gallantly to his rescue and managed with difficulty to drag him to the beach. The police were then informed, and they had the boy removed to hospital.

A COMING FILM.

SPLENDID ARABIAN NIGHTS ROMANCE.

"THE LADY OF THE HAREM."

Produced by the man who filmed "The Thief of Bagdad," a new screen spectacle, "The Lady of the Harem," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. "The Lady of the Harem" has been adapted from the stage production, "Hassan," written by James Elroy Flecker, and no expense has been spared in making it a gorgeous film. The settings are on a lavish scale, and skilled directing has secured a very high artistic standard. Ernest Torrence and Greta Nissen share the honours, the former as Hassan, the happy-go-lucky confectioner and the latter as the beautiful Persian slave of the cruel sultan. K. Sojin, the Oriental actor who scored such a big success in "The Chinese Parrot," plays the part of the sultan, and others in the large supporting cast include Andre Beranger, Louise Fazenda, and Chester Conklin.

"SILK STOCKINGS."

SPLENDID COMEDY AT THE QUEEN'S.

In a laughable story dealing with the amusing experiences of a young married couple, Laura La Plante, the winsome blonde beauty, and John Harron, popular young star, are appearing at the Queen's Theatre for the last time to-day, in their latest picture "Silk Stockings."

Due to a splendid cast of notable people, including Otis Harlan, William Austin, Marcella Daly, and Hoinie Conklin, and the startling acts of the young husband who is continually in hot water, the reel is very interesting and entertaining.

The picture is ably directed by Wesley Ruggles, and has been adapted from a great stage success, this being sufficient proof of the good qualities of the story.

It is a picture that every lover of the cinema is well advised to see. There will be no movie performance at 5 p.m. as Miss Daisy O'Keefe and pupils are giving a dancing display, but the 2.30, 7.15 and 9.20 shows will be held as usual.

IN DEBATE.

UNIVERSITY MEN ON PHILIPPINES.

Berkeley, Cal., April 5.

The University of the Philippines debaters scored their second successive victory since the start of their American tour, defeating the University of California team here to-night in a debate on Philippine independence. The island team upheld the affirmative of the question.

The decision was rendered by the audience, which voted 294 to 117 in favour of the visiting team. Approximately 500 persons were in the audience, of whom about 300 were Filipinos.

The Filipino debaters scored on the points that the islands have a stable government, that they can maintain independence from an international standpoint and that independence is economically best for the islands.

The Californians argued that independence is unwise from the standpoint of religion, geography and language. They also contended that the Philippines are not able to maintain a stable government and that the economic development of the country does not warrant independence.—Associated Press.

BEGGARS' FEET.

WASHED BY SPANISH ROYALTY.

Madrid, April 5.

The King and Queen of Spain washed the feet of 18 men and 13 women beggars to-day at the annual Holy Thursday ceremony symbolizing Christian humility. Twelve of the men and three of the women were blind.

After the ceremony the mendicants were led to another apartment and were presented with new clothing, 30 pieces of silver and baskets of fruit and food. Leaving the palace, the beggars sold the baskets for good prices to the huge crowd outside.

The ceremony occurred in the presence of high functionaries, court and religious officials, a hundred Spanish aristocrats and many foreigners. Similar services were held in the palaces of every archbishop and bishop in Spain.—Associated Press.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Silk Stockings," 7.15 and 9.20 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "The Street of Forgotten Men."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Tongues of Flame."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; Miss D. O'Keefe's Pupils' Dancing Display, 5 p.m.

To-day—St. Peter's Church Y.M.'s Club dance, Hotel Savoy, 9 p.m.

April 12—Dance, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 13—Star Theatre; Banward Musical Comedy Company, 9.15 p.m.

April 14—Dance, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 12-14—Queen's Theatre; "The Eagle of the Sea."

April 12-14—World Theatre; "Robin Hood."

April 12-14—Star Theatre; "Shipwrecked."

April 15—Music, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 15-16—World Theatre; "The Runaway" (at 5.15 and 9.20), Chinese Picture "Retaliation" (at 2.30 and 7.15).

April 15-16—Star Theatre; Forlorn River."

April 15-17—Queen's Theatre; "The Lady of the Harem."

April 19-21—Queen's Theatre; "The Gay Retreat."

April 17-18—World Theatre; "Love's Blindness" (at 5.15 and 9.20), Chinese Picture "Retaliation" (at 2.30 and 7.15).

April 19-21—World Theatre; "A Man's Past."

April 17-18—Star Theatre; "Excuse Me."

April 19-21—Star Theatre; "The Honeymoon Express."

April 23—Cheer 'O Dance at Helena May Institute, at 8.30 p.m.

April 26—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Sports.

To-day—Whist Drive, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.

To-day—Fanning Hunt. Hunter's Arms, 2.45 p.m.

To-day—Triangular Portuguese Interport Football: Portugal (combined teams) v. Chinese Athletic Assn., H.K.F.C., Happy Valley.

April 12—Triangular Portuguese Interport Football: Portugal (combined teams) v. Rest of Colony, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 5 p.m.

April 14, 21—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase, Sheung Shui station, 2.45 p.m.

April 15—Seventh extra race meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

April 18—Steeplechase meeting, Souza's bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

April 21—St. Peter's Club first annual marathon race, 3 p.m.

April 22—Steeplechase Meeting at Mr. Pot's bungalow, 7 a.m.

April 23—Steeplechase Race Meeting at Kwantli.

April 25—Fanning Hunt meet at Mai Po village, 7 a.m.

Lammerts' Auction.

April 12—At Godowns Nos. 3 and 5, Holts Wharf, Kowloon, Miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

April 13—Household furniture at 3, Kilmberley Villas, Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

Land Sale.

April 16—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of crown land at Pillar Island, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

April 12—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. at Exchange-bldg., Des Voeux-rd., C.I.L. noon.

April 12—Twenty-first annual meeting of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., 2, Ice House-st., noon.

April 12—Meeting of St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Assn. in the College Hall, 5.30 p.m.

April 13—Yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange-bldg., at noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road C.I.L. noon.

April 14—Sixth annual meeting of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., St. George's bldg., 11 a.m.

April 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

April 23—Extraordinary meeting of the China Light & Power Co., (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

April 14—Diocesan Boys' School "at Home" from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.

April 14—Eighty annual dinner of the C.C.O.B. Assn. at Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

April 17—Inspection of Police reserves in conjunction with the H.K. Police Force and H.K. Fire Brigade, Murray Parade ground.

April 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's bldg. by H.E. the Governor, 8.30 p.m.

While a keeper in the Zoological Gardens at Basle was feeding an elephant, the animal seized him with its trunk and buried him against the bars of the cage. The man was killed instantly. The elephant was afterwards destroyed.

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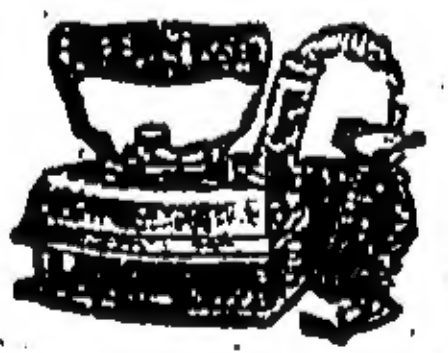
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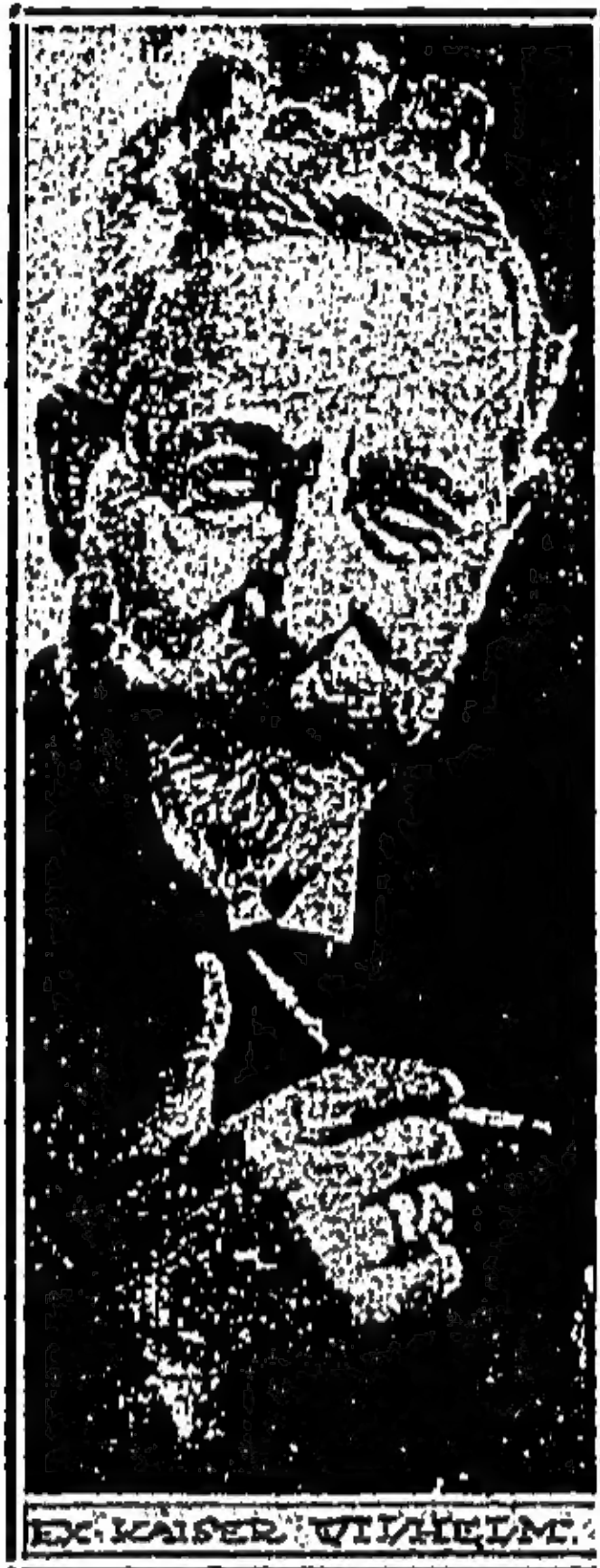
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PURCHASE AT**THE SINCERE CO., LTD.**The debate of St. Peter's
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for Monday, April 16, has been
definitely postponed.Falling from her bicycle under a
lorry, Miss Munnings, 20, of
Colmer-road Stroatham, was killed
in Nightingale-lane, Carshalton.Mr. J. Smith, of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., arrived yes-
terday at Hong Kong, on the
"President Pierce," after a business
visit to Shanghai.Mr. B. E. Solomon, of the Stan-
dard Oil Co. of New York, has
returned to Hong Kong from leave.
With Mrs. Solomon, he arrived
yesterday on the "President
Pierce."A branch office of the China
Travel Service has been opened in
Hong Kong by Mr. Wing D. Wong,
the manager. Mr. Wong has left
for his headquarters in Shanghai,
sailing yesterday on the "President
Madison."Mr. Kenneth Toft, B.A. (Hong
Kong), who returned recently to
Malaya after completing his course,
has joined the staff of the Govern-
ment English School, Seremban,
says a Straits contemporary.Mr. A. O. Glass, of the Standard
Oil Co.'s Haiphong office, French
Indo-China, is on the way back to
America, on leave. He sailed from
Hong Kong yesterday on the "Pre-
sident Madison," bound for San
Francisco.Yesterday's "Gazette" states
that Dr. W. B. A. Moore has been
appointed to act as Director of
Medical and Sanitary Services and
Dr. J. T. Smalley as Deputy Direc-
tor as from April 10, 1928, the date
on which the change in designa-
tion came into force.Mr. J. F. Eca da Silva, Captain
G. F. Stopford, the Hon. I.
Gabaldon, Mr. O. Sadick, Mrs. H.
M. Remedios, Mrs. F. M. Fetterley
and Mr. C. H. Howard were among
the passengers on the "Empress of
Canada" when she left Hong Kong
yesterday for Manila.Mr. Max Basker (a factory re-
presentative of Honolulu, on his
annual visit on business to the Far
East), Mr. D. L. Moss (president of
David L. Moss Co., importers and
exporters of New York, visiting
Hong Kong and Canton) and Mr.
T. S. M. Terrace (Shanghai
architect, bound for Canton)
arrived in Hong Kong yesterday
on the "President Pierce."The advantage of world cruises
for disseminating friendliness was
well illustrated recently by the
lady from Texas who began a con-
versation with a fifteen-hour habitude
of the Astor House lounge at
Shanghai. The gentleman chosen
for the friendly chat parried for a
considerable period before he told
the lady that he was not one of the
"four." Following a moment of
unfledged surprise, the lady re-
marked pleasantly: "Oh well, it
doesn't matter, does it?"Through passengers, bound for
Manila, on the "President Pierce"
which arrived at Hong Kong yes-
terday from San Francisco via
Shanghai included: Miss D. A.
Dowell (Baptist Foreign Mission,
Hollo), Dr. Frank Duncan (opto-
metrist of Los Angeles), Lt. S. L.
Garota (Philippine Constabulary),
Mr. Paul Harvey (a New York
publisher), Mr. and Mrs. C. F.
McCluch (Wm. Wrigley Co. of
Chicago), Mr. G. M. Rye (a
foreign manager), Goodyear
Tyre & Rubber Export Co., Lt.
Comdr. K. R. Bragg, Lt. Comdr.
L. L. Davis, Lt. Comdr. J. S. M.
Mathew and Lt. C. S. Thomas of the
U. S. Asiatic Fleet.The usual dinner dance on the
Hong Kong Hotel roof garden to-
morrow will be held in the dining
room on the first floor.Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. L. Ting,
of Shanghai, announce the engage-
ment of their son, Mr. Nelson
Z. F. Ting, to Miss May Woo.Mr. W. E. L. Shenton has been
appointed a member of the Execu-
tive and Legislative Councils vice
Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, resigned.Four Chinese cases of notifiable
disease were reported to the Medical
Officer of Health during the three
days ended on April 9. There were
three small-pox cases, two from the
city and one from the Kowloon
registration district. The fourth
case concerned a diphtheria patient
from the city district.The "South China Review," has
appeared in Canton as a new month-
ly publication in the English
language. It is published by the
Publicity Bureau of the Canton
branch of the Central Political
Council of the Nationalist Party.
The object is to give "authoritative
information" about the Kuomintang,
the Nationalist Government,
and the activities of this southern
region.On Friday night Captain Evers,
who lives in Stubbs-road, reported
to the police that his motor car,
No. 705 was stolen outside his
house. The disappearance of the
car has now turned out to be a
practical joke played on Captain
Evers. The identity of the joker
has not been ascertained, but it
appears that a local garage receiv-
ed a telephone message to tow the
car away, and it sent out a break-
down gang and carried out the
job!Crown Land situated at the
junction of Mongkok-road and Tung
Choi-street, Kowloon, was sold at
the Public Works Department yes-
terday, the purchaser being Mr.
Lai Fuk (\$11,110). The lot in
question consisted of Kowloon In-
land Lot No. 2110 with area of
4,020 sq. ft. and annual Crown
Rent of \$46. The upset price was
\$8,100. Conditions of sale included
a clause whereby purchasers un-
dertook to expend at least \$8,000
in rateable improvements within
24 months of purchase and not to
dispose of the Lot until such im-
provements had been carried out.General Li Tsung-jen who has
been appointed chairman of the
Political Council for Hunan and
Hupei provinces. He belongs
to the Kwangsi military faction
of which Marshal Li Chai-sum
of Canton and General Pei
Chung-hai of Hankow are also
members, but he is "acceptable"
to both the Nationalist Govern-
ment at Nanking and the Na-
tionalist leaders in Wu-Han.The master of cargo junk No.
32560 reported to the police on the
vessel's arrival in port yesterday
afternoon that his craft was
pirated earlier in the day whilst in
Lungshanwan, Salkung district, in
British waters. Six armed men
approached the junk in another
boat, and firing a volley at the cargo
boat, forced her to heave to. The
pirates then drove the crew into
the hold, ransacked the boat and
stole \$940 in money and other
property to the total value of
\$1,040. The pirates eventually
sailed away in their own craft in
the direction of Longkuek, near
Salkung.The attendance at the wedding
yesterday afternoon of Mr. W. J.
Kestres and Miss Dorothy Ray, in
addition to Mr. H. W. Ray and Mrs.
A. Morris, who received the guests,
and Mr. H. G. Swinburne, the Best
Man, included Mr. and Mrs. B.
Wylie and Miss Helen Wylie, Mr.
and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett, Mr.
A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. Reading,
Mrs. and the Misses Woods, Mr.
J. E. and Miss Noronha, Mrs. R. T.
Darrett, Mrs. Bearwolve, Mrs. Back-
house, Mrs. F. Wong, Mrs. H.
Ching, Miss Waller, Miss Leung,
Miss Loy, Mr. C. S. Rosset, Mr.
R. K. Butler, Mr. C. M. Macdonald,
Mr. J. R. Jenkins, Mr. A. Hicks,
Mr. A. Morley, Mr. B. Petheram,
Mr. E. R. Price, Mr. R. W. Barnett,
Mr. C. Van Lee, Mr. C. Wong, Mr.
T. Y. Harman, Mr. M. Tan-chai
and Mr. H. Pua.Two skeletons, apparently young
adult males, buried over 100 years
ago, have been dug up during the
demolition of Archeliff Fort, Dover.Mrs. C. H. Benson, wife of the
manager in Hong Kong of the
American Express Co., left for
Shanghai yesterday on the "Pre-
sident Madison."Mr. J. F. Brenan, C.M.G., the
British Consul-General at Canton,
sailed for Canton by the "Kinshan"
last night. Mr. and Mrs. Brenan
spent the Easter holidays in Hong
Kong.Mr. G. L. Dairs of the Stan-
dard Oil Co. of New York, who has
been stationed at Swatow, has left
on holiday, sailing from Hong Kong
yesterday, on the "President
Madison."Four Chinese cases of notifiable
disease were reported to the
Medical Officer of Health during
48 hours ended on April 6, from the
central registration district. There
were three of small-pox and one of
diphtheria.The most recent likeness of King
Fuad, of Egypt, taken during his
late visit to Paris.Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilbur,
together with members of the
Wilbur Company, left Hong Kong
yesterday after a successful season
at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.
They sailed for Shanghai on the
"President Madison."Miss Daisy O'Keefe's pupils
giving a dancing display at 5 p.m.,
there will be no movie performance
at 6.15 p.m. in the Queen's Theatre
to-day, but the 2.30, 7.15 and
9.20 movie performances will be held
as usual. The chief picture is
Laura La Plante's new farce
"Silk Stockings."The 10-year-old Chinese girl who
was remanded by Mr. W. Schofield
on a charge of unlawful possession
of 20 taels of prepared non-Govern-
ment opium, made another ap-
pearance at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday. She was able to
produce a friend who was willing
to guarantee her future good be-
haviour, and the Magistrate accord-
ingly bound the little offender over
in the sum of \$100 for 12 months.Among the passengers on the
"President Madison" when she left
Hong Kong yesterday were Mr. and
Mrs. S. C. and Miss F. Fertig,
American tourists who are bound
for home; the Misses Myra, Esther
and Pansy Chan of Hong Kong, on
a trip to Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs.
C. F. Bowden, of London, travelling
round the world, and bound for
Japan; Mrs. V. and Miss Thelma
Clumuck, of Singapore, returning
to America.The case in which a Chinese
woman who had \$12.71 on her per-
son refusing to pay a fine of \$4
for hawking without a licence, was
again mentioned before Mr. W.
Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday. A Chinese female
searcher gave evidence proving the
finding of the money on the accus-
ed's person, after which, his Wor-
ship exercising his power under the
Magistrate's Ordinance ordered the
amount of the fine to be deduct-
ed from the money in the custody
of the police.The absence of sickness among
the troops dispatched to China has
been remarkable. There have
been no cases of cholera and only
a few mild cases of enteric fever
and bacillary dysentery, in spite of
the presence of an extensive out-
break of cholera among the Chi-
nese and the prevalence of dysen-
tery in the native city of Shanghai.
Pneumonia was somewhat pre-
valent at Shanghai during the hot
weather, but subsided with the ad-
vent of cooler weather. This low
incidence is a testimony to the
effectiveness of the measures
adopted to safeguard the health of
all concerned, says "The China
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HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST RESULTS IN THE LEAGUE.

TUESDAY'S MATCHES.

London, Yesterday.
League football matches played to-day (home team mentioned first) resulted as follows:—

Division I.

Birmingham 0, Newcastle 2.
Huddersfield 2, Middlesbrough 4.
Wednesday 4, Tottenham 2.

Division II.

Burnley 2, Notts Forest 1.
Leeds 3, Wolverhampton 0.
West Bromwich 2, Southampton 1.
Port Vale v. South Shields not played.

Division III (South).

Coventry 0, Newport 2.
Merthyr 3, Watford 1.
Northampton 1, Bournemouth 1.
Walsall 2, Queen's Park Rangers 2.

Division III (North).

Bradford 3, Rotherham 1.
Halifax 1, Rochdale 1.

—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The league tables are now as follows:—

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Huddersfield	37	12	9	8	58	46	44
Everton	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Leicester	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Derby	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Cardiff	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Bolton	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Aston Villa	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
West Ham	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Tottenham	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Portsmouth	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Arsenal	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Newcastle	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Birmingham	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Bury	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Burnley	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Liverpool	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Sunderland	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Middlesbrough	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Blackburn	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
M'chester U.	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Sheff. U.	37	10	11	8	58	46	44
Wednesday	37	10	11	8	58	46	44

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Leeds	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Sheff. U.	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
M'chester C.	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Freston	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Stoke	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Oldham	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Swansea	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
West Brom.	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Notts Forest	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Bristol C.	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Grimsby	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Port Vale	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Notts County	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Hull	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Reading	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Barnsley	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Southampton	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Blackpool	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Wolves	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Clapton O.	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Fulham	38	23	8	7	90	51	53
Sh. Shields	38	23	8	7	90	51	53

Division III (South).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Northants	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Brighton	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Plymouth	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Sunderland	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Newport	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Crystal Pal.	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Exeter	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Southend	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Queen's P.R.	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Brentford	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Barnsley	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Charlton	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Luton	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Gillingham	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Watford	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Merthyr	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Norwich	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Walsall	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Bristol R.	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Coventry	37	20	6	11	65	48	57
Torquay	37	20	6	11	65	48	57

Division III (North).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Tramere	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Doncaster	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Stockport	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Lincoln	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Bradford C.	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Southport	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Darlington	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Wrexham	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Accrington	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
New Brighton	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Halifax	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Rotherham	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Crowley	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Chesterfield	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Hartlepool	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Ashington	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Durham	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Barrow	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Wigan	38	24	7	7	100	59	57
Nelson	38	24	7	7	100	59	57

Scottish League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Motherwell	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Celtic	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Heart of Midlothian	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
St. Mirren	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Aberdeen	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Partick	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Kilmarnock	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Falkirk	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Cowdenbeath	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
St. Johnstone	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Hibernians	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Dundee	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Arbroath	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Clyde	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Queen's Park	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Hamilton	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Bo'ness	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Ruth R.	35	24	7	4	103	64	55
Dunfermline	35	24	7	4	103	64	55

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Last year's final in the open doubles championship of the Hong Kong Cricket Club lawn tennis tournament was replayed yesterday with an entirely unexpected result.

S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn (holders) met T. Honda (ex-singles champion) and T. Akiyama, who lost to the Rumjahns in the 1927 final. With the score at 5 games all in the last and deciding set, the match was stopped by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the umpire, and will be replayed on Wednesday, April 11.

The stand crowd was in use for the first time this season and drew a large number of spectators.

Defence Pays.
The Rumjahns were far below their best. S. A. Rumjahn (who won the singles championship last year) has not run into form at all. H. D. Rumjahn was not at his best but he was better than his cousin. Honda has not found form also but he improved as play progressed. Akiyama played to advantage, backing up his partner superbly.

Defence tactics paid. The Japanese lobbed often and after being behind in the first set, won 8-6. The holders won the first two games of the second set but lost the next five. From then on, the Rumjahns concentrated on careful play and took five games running to win the set (7-5) and make the score one set all. Honda and Akiyama won the third set 6-2, but the Rumjahns levelled up by taking the fourth at 6-1. Then came the exciting final set.

Light Fails.
The Japanese were leading all the time. Light was failing fast and play might have been stopped earlier. It was almost dark when the Rumjahns won two games to make the score 5 games all.

With their excellent understanding, the Rumjahns were confidently expected to win yesterday. The "scare" is attributable to each of them not having found his best form yet this season. Honda showed flashes of his best but has done better in the past; and it was left to Akiyama to gather the honours of the encounter. The replay next week will be looked forward to.

Fincher v. Green.
Very few spectators were present at an important and interesting match in the third round of the open singles championship. S. E. Green, a champion of the old days, was beaten in three straight sets by E. C. Fincher, a Kowloon C.C. representative who is now not far from championship status.

Except for occasional over-hitting and difficulty in getting over his first service, Fincher played a fine all-round game. He invited Green to attack him with powerful drives and retaliated with chops and cuts. Except for his very accurate placing, Green was not at his best. The match was interesting from start to finish and there were many fine rallies although both stayed mostly at the base line.

Yesterday's Results.
Open Singles (3rd round):—E. C. Fincher beat S. E. Green 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

Open Doubles (3rd round):—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn v. T. Honda and T. Akiyama 6-3, 7-5, 2-6, 6-1, 5-6; unfinished, to be replayed on April 18.

Club Championship Singles (3rd round):—G. W. Sewell beat E. D. Lawrence 6-4, 6-2.
Handicap Singles "A" (2nd round):—G. F. H. Bichard (rec. 2/6) beat C. C. Stark (rec. 4/6) 7-5, 6-3; (3rd round):—D. S. Green (rec. 15/1) beat W. D. Fiddes (rec. 15/1) 6-3, 6-4.
Handicap Singles "B" (2nd round):—J. Barrow (owe 15) beat L. R. P. Lonsdale (owe 15) 6-1, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles (3rd round):—W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 2/6) beat G. C. Grove and J. G. Lawrie (owe 15) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

To-day's Fixtures.
Open Singles (4th round):—Ng See-kwong v. Ho Ka-lau.
Handicap Singles "A" (3rd round):—R. K. Valentine (rec. 5/6) v. Lt.-Col. F. J. Wyatt (rec. 15/1).

Handicap Singles "B" (3rd round):—Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15/1) v. J. Barrow (owe 15).
Handicap Doubles (2nd round):—C. H. Bradley and Major C. Wilson (rec. 15) v. A. D. Humphreys and G. E. Sayer (owe 15/1); (3rd round):—W. M. Lyons and J. D. Crawford (rec. 8/6) v. H. R. Phelps and C. C. Stark (rec. 1/6).
Mixed Doubles:—Miss Heard and S. E. Green (rec. 9) v. Mrs. Woodward and C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 2/6).

MARATHON.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

TO BE RUN ON APRIL 21.

Particulars of the first annual marathon race in Hong Kong, under the auspices of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, to be run at 3 p.m. on April 21, are now available.

A sketch of the course can be seen in the shop window of the Blue Bird Co. and is as follows:—

Start at Lytleton-road (outside the hostel entrance of the University), along Lytleton-road, through Park-road, then wind up Robinson-road, along the new motor road to the end of Conduit Viaduct until Mr. Biggar's house has been reached; then along Pokfulam-road, down Dairy Farm Hill to point of Jubilee-road, along that road to Mount Davis-road, up Mount Davis-road to the point of Pokfulam-road, along that road, pass the University (the front entrance) along Bonham-road to King's College where the race ends.

Prizes have been presented as follows:—
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A cup for members of the club, presented by Mr. Andrew Cheung. Entries close on Friday, April 20, but competitors entering on the day of the race will not be turned down.

RUNNING CRACK.

PESSIMISTIC OVER OLYMPIC PROSPECTS.

New York.—America has "mighty little" chance of winning the 1,500 metres run in the 1928 Olympics from Paavo Nurmi and Edwin Wide, Scandinavian masters, in the opinion of Lloyd Hahn, who will "carry the hod" for the U.S.A. in that event.

The man who raced Wide here last winter in a thrilling mile struggle American counterpart of the 1,500 metre distance, is not a pessimist nor has he any lack of faith in the leg-power, endurance and canny racing judgment that carried him to victory over the Swedish school-master in a race that missed the world indoor mark of 4:12 by one one-fifth of a second.

"Training conditions," said Hahn, "are going to be all against us. Olympic arrangements will take the track athletes to Amsterdam on a 12-day boat and the loss of a day at either end will prolong the voyage two weeks. That is a serious break in training. There will be but ten days left for actual work after we get to Holland. That rules time for acclimation and they tell me the weather there is usually muggy because the land is so low.

"The best plan, it appears to me, would be to take the fastest possible boat across. Four or even five weeks should be allowed for training in England, where the climate is more like our own, the people speak our language, the customs are the same, and where there wouldn't be the confusion and excitement that is bound to attend the Olympics in Holland. Then we could jump right to Amsterdam before the games without bothering about acclimation.

"There doesn't seem to be much chance, either that Jack Ryder, who has coached me ever since I started running seriously, will make the trip. I can't coach myself very well and other coaches with the team won't know as well as Ryder what sort of work and how much I need."

The crack Nebraska, who carries the Boston Athletic Association colours, believes that his erstwhile rival Jole Ray has little chance of gaining Olympic fame this year to celebrate his comeback.

"Jole is getting old," said Hahn, "and he hasn't raced much in the past two years. I think he'll make the Olympic team all right, but his chances of winning anything are mighty slim. Of course, I might change my mind after seeing him run another race like the A-12 he turned in two years ago to the Nurmals indoor record." Ray's best chance for Olympic success, Hahn believes, is in the 5,000 metres event, while the possibility of his edging into the 1,500 metres scoring is pretty small.

8-1 VICTORY.

PORTUGUESE TRIANGULAR INTERPORT.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT.

A. Gosano, the Recreio and Hong Kong Interport centre forward, scored four goals for Hong Kong against Macao yesterday in the Portuguese triangular interport soccer tournament and Hong Kong won by 8 goals to 1. This is the concluding match of the tournament proper and was played on the H.K.F.C. ground.

Hong Kong fielded the team that beat Shanghai. Macao made one change, L. da Silva replacing L. Melo in the defence. Team:—
Hong Kong:—I. Fernandez; P. M. Xavier, S. Souza; C. F. Remedios, A. A. Remedios, E. Assumpcao, B. Gosano, J. M. Silva, A. Gosano, L. da Rocha (captain), A. Brown.
Macao:—Rosa; J. Couto, L. da Silva; J. Conceicao, Luis Badaracco, J. Rodrigues; Vas. J. Lopes, Guerreiro, Colloca, R. Rosa.

Referee: Mr. Smith.
Rocha scored twice for Hong Kong, Gosano the third and he also headed in the fourth—all in the first half. Rocha got his third in the second half, making Hong Kong five up. A. A. Remedios put on the sixth and Gosano scored the last two. Just on time, R. Rosa obtained Macao's solitary point.

Hong Kong beat Shanghai 4-1 on Sunday and Shanghai beat Macao 3-1 on Monday.

A combined Portuguese team will play two matches, details of which have been announced already.


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SMALL SHAPES CON TINUE TO RULE THE MODE.

But Innovations on Trimmings Lend a More Formal Aspect to the Close-Fitting Hats of Pronounced Chic. Many Versions Are Seen.



The small hat simply will not pass into oblivion. It is seen year after year in all its stages. It takes the ingenuity of the Paris milliner to change its outline, and, while adding tucks, bands and other trimmings, they manage to present a hat of different outline.

The simple, unadorned cloche that threatened to stay with us forever has, of course, been succeeded by hats of various outlines and appeals. Hats that are more graciously feminine have been made fashionable in their place. The small, close-fitting hat, of course, gives the maximum of comfort, and consequently it has been necessary to see that it also provides chic. The old foundation of the cloche remains, but its treatment is exceedingly different.

Most of the season's smartest shapes are designed to show the hair about the brow or temples. Few possess brims except in those of sports tendencies. The trimmings have been moved forward to cover either one or two ears.

Toques are much worn. In fact, the Paris move towards modern chic shows hats that have odd points over the eyebrow or ear. The knitted skull cap is new and very smart and is seen in various versions with great success. Flaps that give the effect of a Dutch cap are very new and in most cases interesting and becoming. Deep points cut above the eye give an odd outline to the skull caps of such great appeal. The jewelled pin often exaggerates the point cut above the eye in an exotic manner.

The halo effect—seen slightly last season—is again in vogue this winter. Softly draped effects are seen with the brim turned up in halo fashion to accentuate a modernistic note.

Berets are, of course, the novelty of the season. They are seen in all fabrics, in all shapes and in some instances lend great distinction, while in others they are exceedingly unbecoming.

The vagabond hat is seen in new versions, too, and is startlingly effective when worn with a youthfully chic air.

The draped hat, skilfully cut, knotted, tied or creased, is, of course, the hat for formal occasions and is seen in all materials, from the graceful velvets, silks,

duvetyns and woollen fabric to the easily draped felts.

The Mis-en-Pile hat of Reboux is startlingly new and original and imparts chic wherever it is worn. The new versions of the treader's hat, too, is seen and is very effective when worn with the veils, which again threaten to take the town by storm.

Novelty and charm are imparted to all these new hats, and the most commonplace designs are given a new appearance by skilful variations of olden charm.

Hats pulled close to the ears continue smart. And, while brims are

not essential to the new hat mode, they are seen in sports and semi-dress hats with effective results. In fact, there is always an allure to the hat that slightly veils the eye.

Boris Kenyon, bringing her charm and ability to wear clothes with expert effectiveness, wears several new and interesting hats in the First National film, "The Valley of the Giants." The hat pictured is an example of the new hat that possesses a brim slightly wider at both sides. Two quills, pointing downward at one side, give a trimming of individuality and chic.

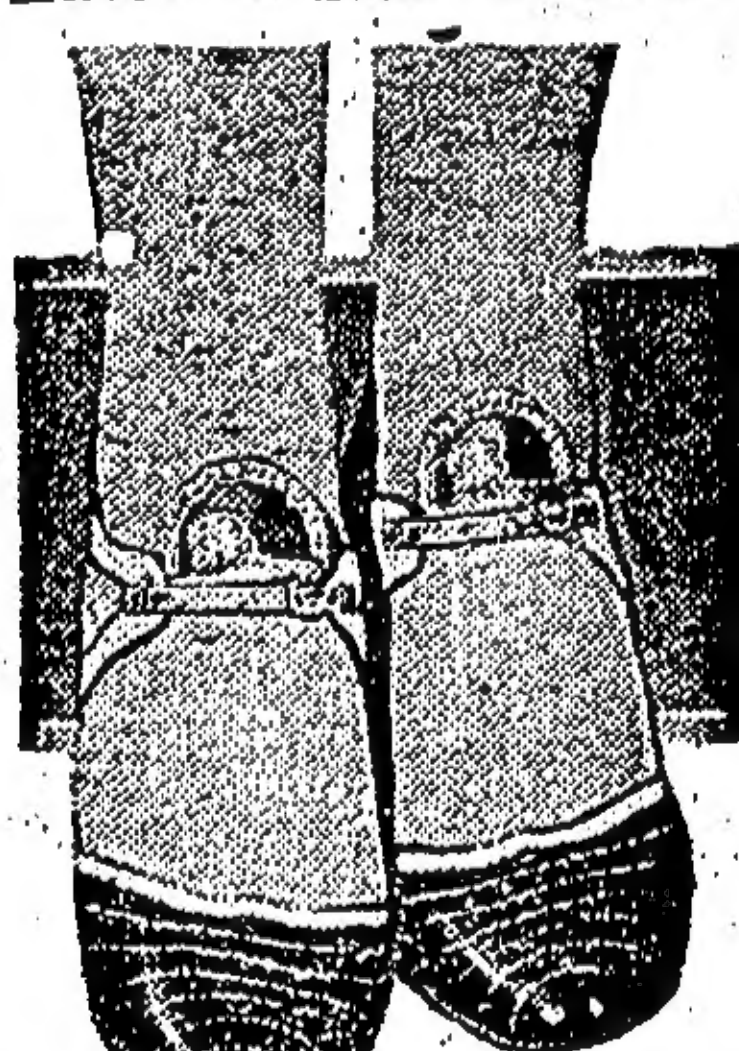
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Must Be Chosen With Care.

Paris.—Here I am, back from my holidays, in joyous Paris, once more!

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Latest in Shoe Buckles



LOUISE LORRAINE, pretty Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player, has enhanced the beauty of her trim ankles with novelty shoe buckles. Since she expressed her loyalty to the Cinema company by sporting the official M-G-M color stars have adopted the same symbol. Needless to say some of these buckles are real works of art.

few days in the restaurants and other places where they dance, watching—you!

"How can this be?" you think. "We—I am in London." But then,

I take it, that you either come to Paris, or, in London, do as Paris does, or else, you dream and scheme to do the things that are done, and wear the things that are worn, in this city of pleasure and of fashion.

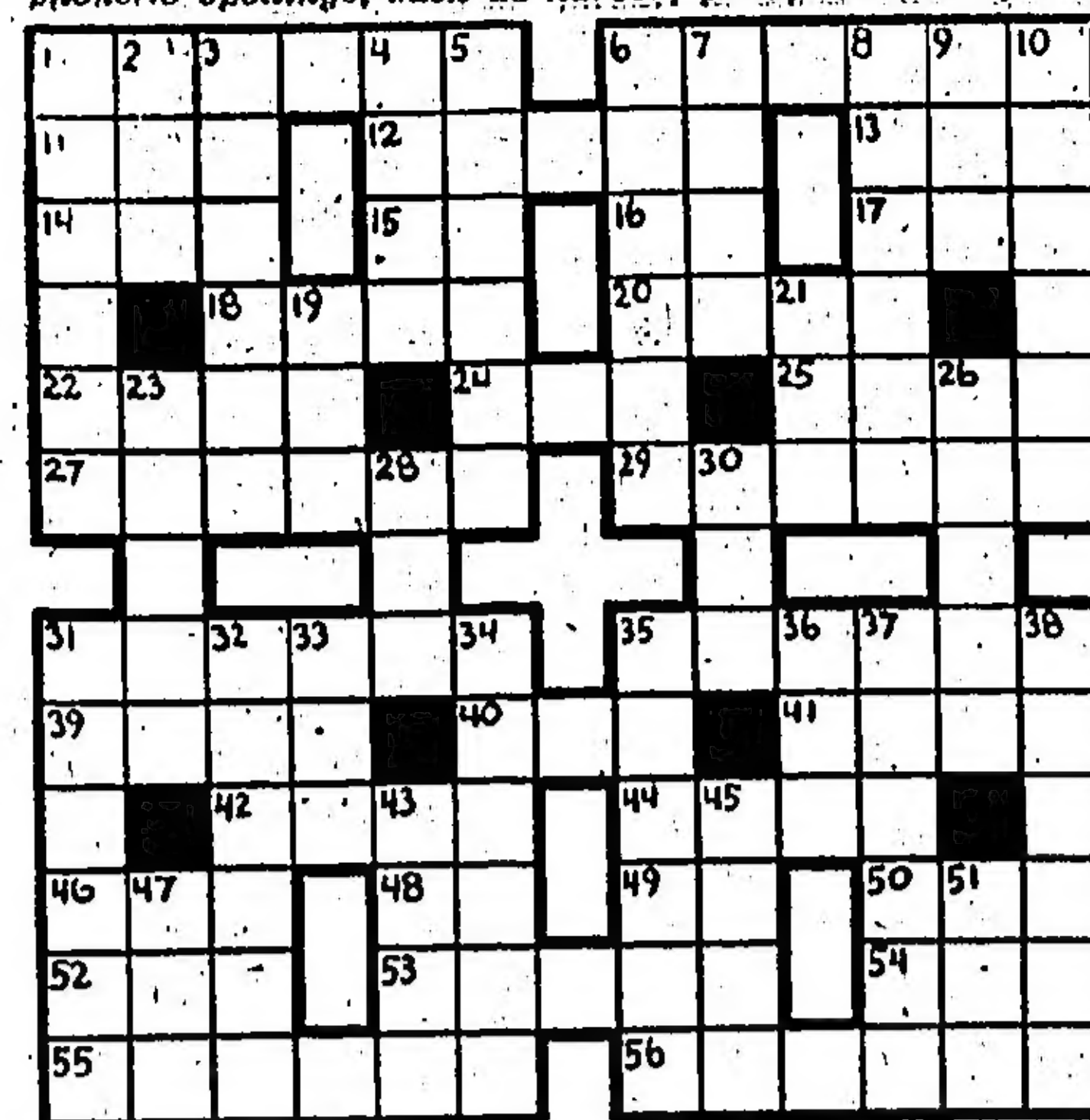
So, watching here, the femininity of the world, I am watching you, since you are part of the world's femininity. Here then, you have my opinions about yourself, either as you are, or as you would wish to be.

Never before, has it been so forcibly borne upon me, just how much a certain bearing and perfect self-satisfaction, and unconsciousness, can get away with the most brazen styles of dress. Some that I've seen "dancing" in a public room, and that, the most chic and aristocratic of all the hotel ballrooms of Paris, are truly alarming. There was, for instance, the woman in the golden sheath dress. To me, who is looking for all the latest whims of "La Mode," she was positively arresting, but no one else seemed to take any special notice of her. She might have passed for the beautiful study of a golden nude statue, so lightly was the heavy gold tissue wound round her body, every line of which was vividly shown. Her make up was Egyptian, pale yellow face and scarlet lips, very black eyebrows and eyelashes, and jet black hair cut short, in the Egyptian style, great long jade and gold earrings, and an Egyptian stork wings symbol across her forehead.

She was a complete thing of beauty, and arrestingly astonishing until—and mind you in doing this, she was quite out of fashion. The Charleston being dead in Paris—until, she danced the Charleston! And then—then, it was a shocking sight. She was revolting, grotesque, unseemly.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-What Greek lyric poetess of Lesbos was called the Tenth Muse?
- 6-What hawklike American bird preys upon fish?
- 11-A Turkish official
- 12-Apart
- 13-A southern constellation
- 14-Small bed
- 15-Compass point (abbr.)
- 16-A part of the Bible (abbr.)
- 17-Remote
- 18-To conceal
- 22-A son of Bath
- 24-To go (Scott.)
- 25-Combining form denoting motion in air
- 27-Who discovered the Mississippi river?
- 28-A nationally known criminal lawyer
- 31-What U. S. general was killed by Indians in 1876?
- 35-The North American pine-finch

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 39-What continent has the greatest number of Buddhists?
- 40-Yea
- 41-Article (German)
- 42-Mold
- 44-At a distance
- 45-Girl's name (short)
- 46-An island of New York (abbr.)
- 49-Behold
- 50-A golf term
- 52-Wrath
- 53-To tender
- 54-Girl's name (short)
- 56-What is a wheel being driven by a belt?
- 58-What is a time of cessation from employment?

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 9-A time-period
- 10-A common perennial herb
- 18-Combining form "equal"
- 21-Equality of value
- 22-What is the title of the King of Abyssinia?
- 25-A great French sculptor
- 28-To bind
- 30-Friend (French)
- 31-What plant do cats love so much?
- 32-A variety of squash
- 33-The Greek T
- 34-To confirm
- 35-What is a ship used in hunting seals?
- 36-Ocean
- 37-A garment with a skirt
- 38-What sea-god ruled the Aegean sea?
- 43-Fruit of the blackthorn
- 45-Preceding in place or time
- 47-What island group is S. W. of New Guinea?
- 51-Who was the Greek goddess of the dawn?

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



NEW SPRING COATS.

Coats for spring days are slimming, and are characterized by numerous smart touches. Black is most fashionable, and many of the smartest models are made in satin and heavy crepe de Chine.

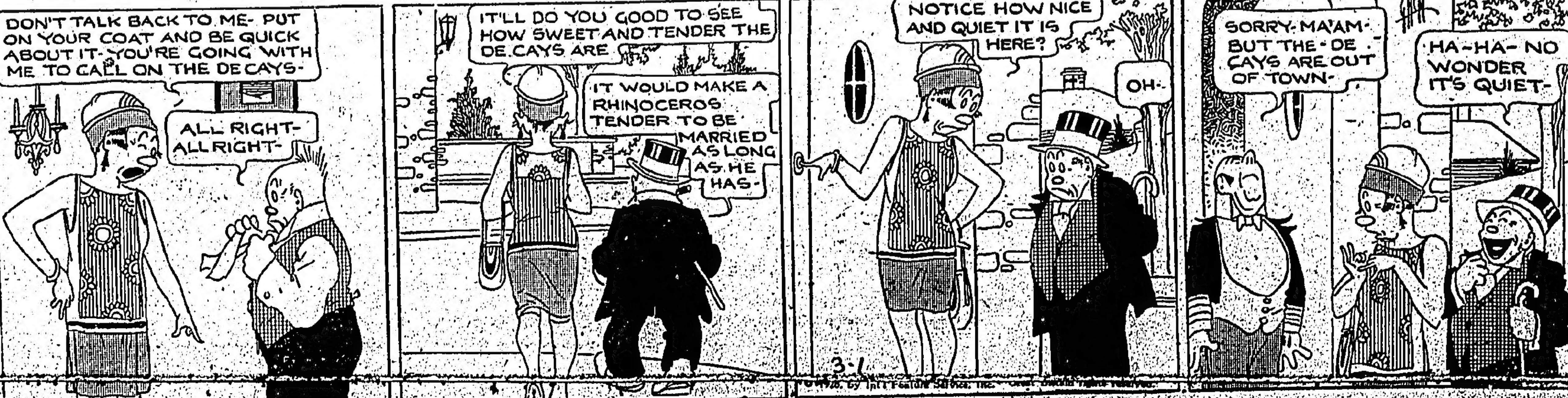
One model included in the spring fashions at Peter Robinson's, Oxford-circus, is in a rich black satin, sumptuously lined with black velvet. It is trimmed, as many of the most stylish coats are this year, with mink tails worked in a new way so that they look like a whole fur. Formerly women disliked mink tails because they "looked bitty." The most "dressy" coats are fur-trimmed, the other fashionable fur being lynx. This beautiful fur is rare, and in great demand owing to its lightness and summery appearance.

Paris novelty flannels are used for smart, inexpensive, walking coats, many of which are lined with silk and have an adaptable scarf collar of the same silk.

"Lido blue," a brilliant true blue, is the fashionable shade in which many of the smartest frocks are shown. Many of the afternoon frocks in printed crepe de Chine are characterized by the higher waistline and new skirt.

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WOMAN CO-DEFENDANT.

William Spencer Lewis, 56, medical practitioner, giving an address in Redcliffe-gardens, Kensington, and Beatrice Maxey, 41, a married woman, described on the charge sheet as living in Ruskin-mansions, Queen's Club-gardens, West Kensington, were charged before Mr. Marshall at West London Police-court with being concerned in an illegal operation on a single young woman, Elsie Ross, at a surgery in Little-road, Fulham, on March 5.

Chief Inspector Alfred Collins, of New Scotland Yard, said he followed Maxey and Miss Ross from Dr. Lewis's surgery in Little-road to a basement flat in Ruskin-mansions. After questioning Mrs. Maxey he took a signed statement from Miss Ross, and Mrs. Maxey then said, "What is all this fuss about? Surely you won't blame me for trying to do a good turn for someone?"

He went to a large fifteen-roomed house in Redcliffe-gardens, and saw Dr. Lewis, and cautioned him that Mrs. Maxey was detained, and that he had taken a statement from Miss Ross. The doctor said he had treated the girl for general ill-health. He had known Mrs. Maxey for a number of years. Asked to show books recording the names and addresses of patients and payment, he said he did not keep any records of patients who paid cash. They handed the money to his dispenser and she banked it. She banked for the whole of his three surgeries.

The magistrate granted a remand, offering to accept two sureties in £250 each for Dr. Lewis, and two sureties of £50 for Mrs. Maxey.

CAME TOO LATE.

DEWEY VETERAN DIES TWO
DAYS AFTER PENSION.

New York, April 3.

Harman Hunter, who was a seaman on Admiral Dewey's flagship in which Spanish-American war, went without a pension for 30 years because he did not know he was entitled to one. Two days after he finally received his first payment, he died.

Only recently did Hunter, an inmate of the Staten Island City farm colony, learn from a comrade that he might have been enjoying pension all these years. Application was made and the first allotment of \$20 was paid him on a Friday, and Hunter died the following Sunday. He was 68 years old.—Associated Press.

NEWS VALUES.

PUBLIC SHOWS APPROVAL
IN TEST.

PLAYING DOWN CRIME.

Helena, Mont.—To demonstrate that a daily newspaper can be made interesting without "playing up" news of crime and horrors on its front page, the Rev. H. Crowley-Carroll, rector of an Episcopal church, has been conducting a notable experiment in practical journalism as editor-for-a-week of the Livingstone Enterprise, published in central Montana.

The editor, L. E. Flint, remained at his home during the experiment, under an agreement which gave the rector full power to determine what news should be featured.

Not once during the week did an item concerning crime find its way into the first page of the Enterprise. On page five, however, briefs of the sensational stories played up on the first pages of competing papers were found under small one-column headings.

No Lack of News.

No lack of interesting news appeared on the Enterprise's first page. Such stories as that on universal Japanese suffrage, the Pan-American Congress, the trial of Burns and Sinclair, prohibition news, exploits of Lindbergh, opening of the Moffat Tunnel and political news were given the prominent places.

An editorial on "news sense" deplored the practice of playing up the revolting details of crime. Several editorials were written arguing that editors should not be bound to the theory that crime news is what the people want because it is sensational, but that the editor should give the people what is good. The editor should lead rather than follow his public, the Rev. Crowley-Carroll contended.

A column of "Brickbats and Bouquets" was conducted where readers commented on the experiment. Farmers wrote in appreciation of a paper where news of their craft was not limited to bankruptcies and mortgage foreclosures. Women wrote in appreciation of a paper which did not teach their children crime and scandal.

Publicity for the Good.

"The farmer is all right, give them and the good people more publicity and the outlaw less," wrote another.

The clergyman-editor, in turning the paper back to its proprietor, wrote concerning his administration as follows: "In one particular only have we departed from the general methods of the paper and we claim to have demonstrated the theory which gave rise to the challenge of our friend 'Editor-in-Chief' and that has been by the removal from the front page of all

A WANDERER.

RUSSIAN'S REMARKABLE
ADVENTURES.

ALIEN IN ENGLAND.

During the hearing of a case against an alien, Kevs Berg, in the Glasgow Sheriff Court, it was stated that he had been deported from Britain, Russia, and Finland, and, while in Russia, had been sentenced to death. He admitted a number of contraventions of the Aliens Order.

Mr. Paton Jones, solicitor, who appeared for him, stated that he was born in Siberia, came to England when he was 3 years of age, and was educated in London. In 1918 he was deported to Russia. He served with the White Army, and was captured and imprisoned for twenty months, spending that period in Siberia. Later, he was sent back to Russia, and then landed in Finland, whence he was deported and arrived back in Moscow. He was arrested with various other persons when the Soviet Government declared martial law, and was put into an underground cell.

His next experience was a sentence of death, and, later, this sentence was altered to imprisonment. After serving just over a year in prison he was put under an escort of four men with fixed bayonets, and had to sign a note to the effect that he was being exiled from Russia. After further experiences, he reached Constantinople where, with a number of Russia refugees, he boarded a steamer for Marseilles. He remained in France two years, and then went to Antwerp and South Africa, returning to Glasgow. It was his intention to get to New York, where he had a brother. His sympathies were British, and not Russian. He could not speak the Russian language.

Mr. James Adair, Depute Fiscal, said a deportation order had already been pronounced against Berg, who had stated on different occasions, that he had been born in Finland, America, Afghanistan, Russia, and Britain. He joined the British Army in 1914, but was discharged as an undesirable. His associations in foreign countries were always anti-British.

Sheriff Wilton passed a sentence of four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

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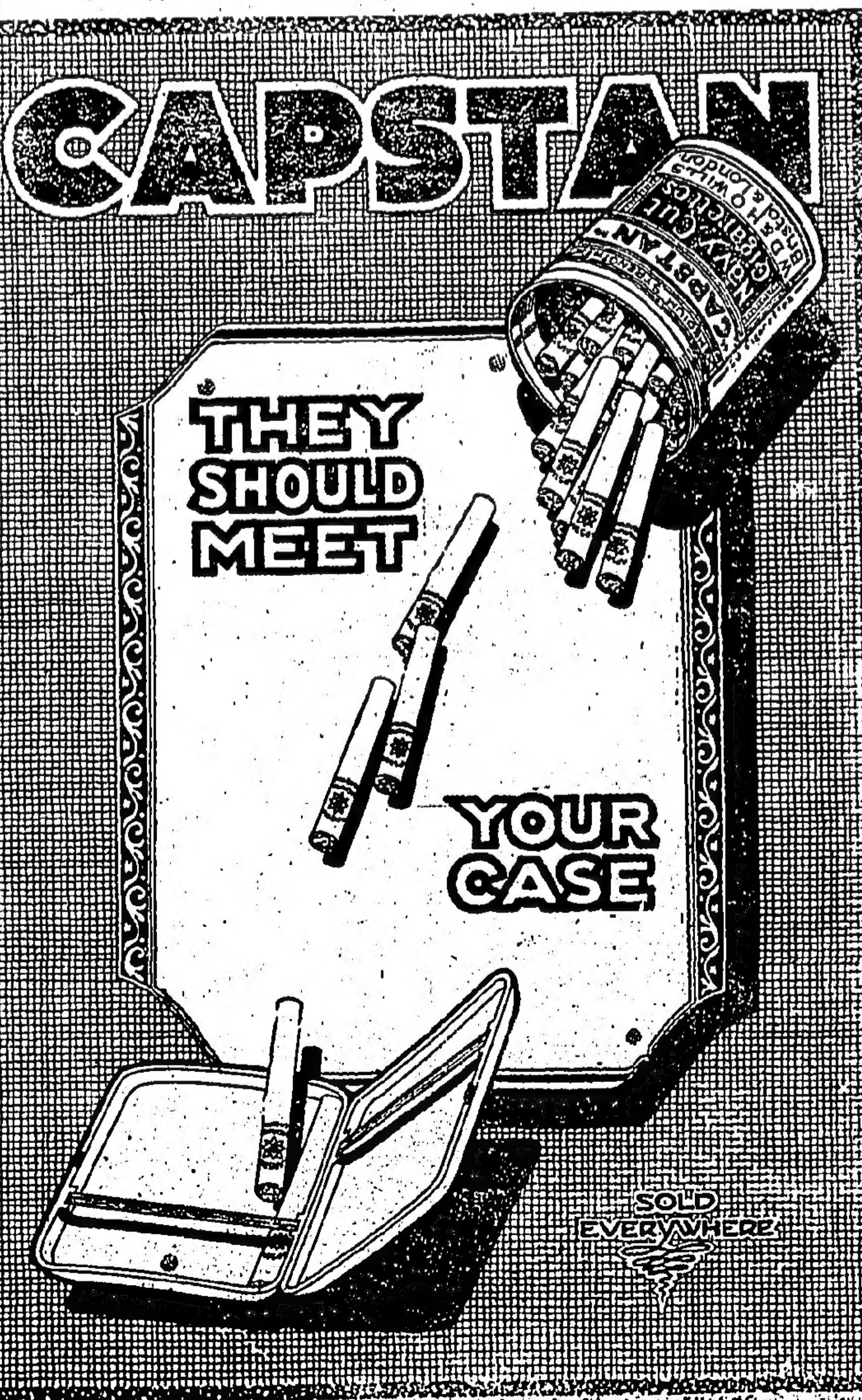
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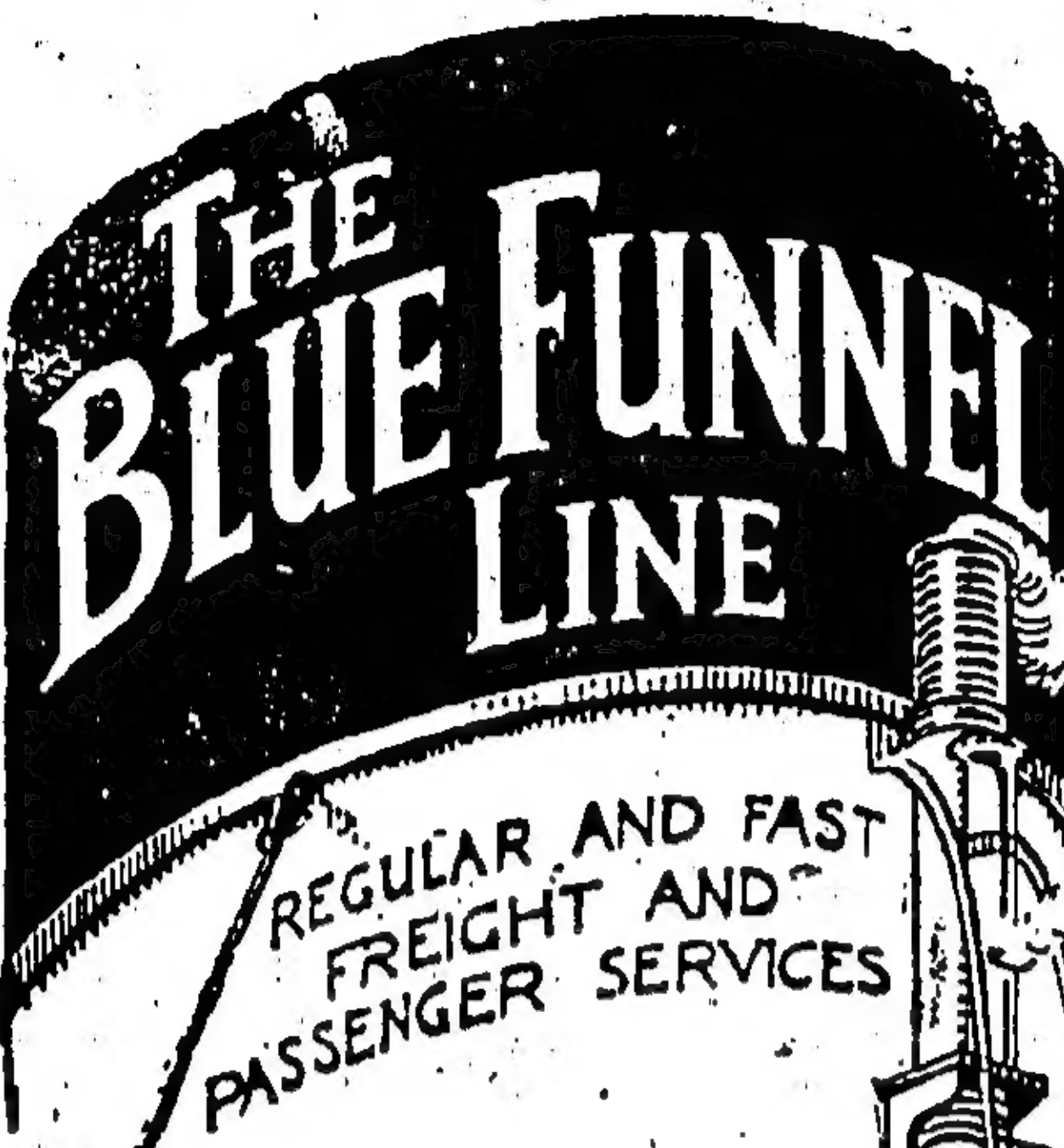
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Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation as follows:—
Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Port Sayard, Tchekam, Hoihow, Amoy, Foochow, and Wuchow, etc.
It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to Europe has been reduced to \$1.65 per word.
Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, Government Building.
Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

INWARD MAILS.

From	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.	Per
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	11.	Korea Maru
Shanghai	11.	Tean
Shanghai	12.	Sunning
THURSDAY, APRIL 12.		
Straits	12.	Sui Sang
Shanghai	12.	New Chwang
FRIDAY, APRIL 13.		
Europe via Suez Letters and Papers, London	13.	Kashgar
15th March and Parcel, 9th March	13.	Lima Maru
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	13.	Mongolia
SUNDAY, APRIL 15.		
Straits	15.	Hakusan Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	15.	President Jackson
THURSDAY, APRIL 19.		
Australia and Manila	19.	Mishima Maru
FRIDAY, APRIL 20.		
Japan and Shanghai	20.	Suwa Maru
TUESDAY, APRIL 24.		
Japan	24.	Aki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.	Per
Sam Shui and Wuchow	11.	Tai Ming
THURSDAY, APRIL 12.		
Straits	12.	Cremer
Amoy and Foochow via Swatow	12.	Hai Ching
Swatow	12.	Hydrangea
Straits	12.	Norviken
Sam Shui and Wuchow	12.	Tai Ming
Amoy	12.	Sui Sang
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 24th April.	12.	
Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Apr. 13th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Apr. 13th) 10.30 a.m.	12.	Changte
FRIDAY, APRIL 13.		
Shanghai and Japan	13.	Kashgar
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th May. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (Apr. 14th) 9 a.m. Letters (Apr. 14th) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Apr. 14th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Apr. 14th) 10.30 a.m.	13.	Mongolia
SATURDAY, APRIL 14.		
Hoihow, Pakhol, Halphong	14.	Tean
Amoy	14.	Anhui

Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

LIVELY SCENES.

How Chicago Conducts Its Elections.

"KNOCKED ON THE HEAD."

Policemen And Thousands Of Volunteers Busy.

New York, To-day.
Lively scenes have occurred at the primary elections in Chicago to select party candidates for various State and Federal offices, for which the final elections will be in November, also to choose delegates for the National Party Conventions for the selection of Presidential candidates next Summer.
Almost every policeman in the city plus thousands of volunteers are guarding the polls of the rival candidates for the governorship of Illinois, Mr. A. R. E. Small, the present Governor, who is backed by Mayor Thompson and the Republican faction, and Senator Deneen.
The election has been quiet in most parts of the State but motor-cars are filled with detectives patrolling the streets of Chicago to prevent bomb-throwing and shooting.

Alderman Haffa disappeared this morning and is believed to have been kidnapped to prevent him participating in the election. Several men, armed with pistols, knocked Mr. R. H. Taylor, leader in the Fifth Ward, on the head and carried him off in a motor-car.—Reuter's American Service.

JAPAN'S DANGER.

"REVOLUTIONISM PRETTY WELL SUFFUSED."

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Following the completion of the examination of the communists arrested in March, the Government has released the news embargo, which was hitherto enforced in Japan.

The Procurator General considers "the most predominant impression from the whole affair is the serious fact that Japan is now confronted by an unusually grave national difficulty, inasmuch as revolutionism is pretty well suffused."

He added that the present attempt to undermine the foundations of the Empire from within, which is influenced by radical ideas from alien people, is more serious than a threat of armed force from without.—Reuter.

"Wholesale arrests followed the discovery of an Extremist intrigue, which aimed at the establishment of a Communist Association purporting to alter fundamentally the social system of the Japanese Empire." There was widespread distribution of inflammatory literature during the recent General Elections. At least 300 arrests were made and the examinations may necessitate more.

CAVELL FILM.

TO BE EXHIBITED IN UNITED STATES.

PASSAGES DELETED.

New York, Yesterday.
The State Department for Education has approved of the exhibition of the film, "Dawn," except for a few passages including the assembling of the firing squad and the scene depicting the shooting of a disobedient soldier.
The owner of the rights has consented to the required cut, although he objects to the elimination of the latter incident on the ground that it is a question of history.—Reuter.

TURKISH SCANDAL.

500,000 TURKISH POUNDS INVOLVED.

EX-MINISTER ARRAIGNED.

Constantinople, To-day.
A Parliamentary Committee is enquiring into the grain scandal in which grain and flour valued at \$500,000 (Turkish) are involved in the irregularities and abuses. A resolution has been adopted to the effect that Deputy Djennan Bey, ex-Minister of Commerce, be arraigned before the High Court.—Reuter.

POLISH "REDS."

Lodz Political Police Take Action.

CONGRESS CLOSED.

Many Arrests Made And Documents Seized.

Warsaw, To-day.
The political police at Lodz have closed down the so-called Free-thinkers' Congress, which proved to be really a Communist gathering attended by Communist Deputies and well-known Communists who have been in hiding from the authorities; also various unidentified individuals who are believed to be Soviet emissaries.
A number of arrests have been made, and it is stated that important documents have been seized.—Reuter.

UNRULY TROOPS.

'CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S' MEN OUT OF HAND.

LOOTING AND BURNING.

Peking, Yesterday.
In view of the fact that certain religious newspapers in Britain have expressed doubts regarding the reports that the followers of of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang had looted and destroyed mission property in Honan, suggesting that at least Feng Yu-hsiang himself was not responsible,



Feng Yu-hsiang, best known as the "Christian General."

Reuter has made the most careful enquiries of the Canadian Presbyterian missionaries who evacuated Honan last spring on the advance of Marshal Feng's Army.

Until Feng's Troops Came.
They declare that though various armies fought over territory in which their stations were situated—northern Honan, north of the Yellow River—none of their property was molested till Feng Yu-hsiang re-entered Honan last year. Since that time all their missions had been looted except Wu-han, which was the only station which had not fallen into Feng's hands.
The property looted includes four hospitals in which, years ago, many of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's soldiers were nursed when sick or wounded. Several schools, churches and preaching chapels are also included as well as numbers of missionaries' residences.

Wanton Destruction.
Looting has been going on intermittently for several months. Most houses are stripped of floorboards and other woodwork, some even of the roofs. At least one school and one residence have been burned. At a fine new hospital at Wei-hai-wei soldiers wantonly destroyed thousands of dollars worth of medicines and other property which they could not carry off.

Canadian missionary leaders, several of whom had formerly been personal friends of Feng Yu-hsiang, sent a registered letter to him, politely pointing out what was going on, and requesting an investigation, and the prevention of looting. Though a receipt for the letter was received, showing that Feng Yu-hsiang had received it, he did not acknowledge the letter, and had taken no action.
Missionaries further declare that Marshal Feng himself had several times visited these cities in the past few months, thus showing that he was in control of these regions, and was able to prevent the outrage if he desired.—Reuter.

MR. HENRY FORD.

On A Visit To London.

INTERESTING COMMENTS.

Expresses His Views On Several Subjects.

London, To-day.
Mr. Henry Ford is re-visiting London after 15 years. Interviewed, he said that he was investigating the possibilities of producing power from a big dump of London refuse at Dagenham, which covers one-third of 300 acres which belongs to him.

He expressed confidence that American prosperity would continue indefinitely. Machinery was the only thing to put real prosperity into Britain, which he was of opinion, was still the centre of world-trade.

Britain was able to manufacture better for the continent, India and other places than any other country; and the observation he believed applied to tractors for Africa, Russia and elsewhere.

The removal of rubber restriction would not affect his plans in Brazil. Mr. Firestone, he said, had gone to look round Liberia. Possibly they would never make a tyre for sale but turn the whole product over to the manufacturers.—Reuter.

CHINA TO TURKEY.

TRIP FROM PEKING TO LONDON.

EXCITING ADVENTURES.

Constantinople, Yesterday.
Major and Mrs. McCallum and two mechanics, who are motoring from Peking to London, have arrived in Europe. They travelled by ferryboat from Mudania here. There were exciting moments in crossing the Taurus mountains where the roads were very narrow and many landslips occurred.—Reuter.

SPOT RUBBER.

FALLS TO 3 1/4d. A LB. IN LONDON.

LOWEST PRICE SINCE 1922.

London, Yesterday.
The price of spot rubber fell to 3 1/4d. per pound in the Mining Lane rubber market to-day. This is the lowest price since 1922.—British Wireless Service.

CHURCH & STATE.

NO LONGER UNITED IN TURKEY.

ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUS.

Constantinople, Yesterday.
The National Assembly at Angora unanimously passed the Bill separating Church and State.—Reuter.

IN CALCUTTA!

COSTES AND LEBRIX REACH INDIA.

WONDERFUL FLIGHT.

Calcutta, To-day.
Costes and Lebriz have arrived.—Reuter.

[Those famous French aviators left Tokyo on Sunday at 7.30 a.m. on a non-stop flight to Hanoi, Indo-China, and duly reached their destination at 4.45 p.m. on Monday. Evidently they decided to proceed at once to India.]

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICES APPEARING IN THE "GAZETTE."

The following notices appear in the "Gazette":—
Ng Min-sau, deceased, in bankruptcy, No. 24 of 1926—Mr. Wong Wai-chung, the trustee, notifies that a first and final dividend of \$27,944 per cent. has been declared.
Lo Tao-lin, No. 1 of 1926—Mr. Li Kan-po, No. 41, Wing On-street, has been appointed trustee.
Connaught Motor Car Co., No. 3 of 1926—has been adjudicated bankrupt and the Official Receiver appointed trustee.

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AT THE **QUEEN'S** FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY.
At 2.30, 7.15 & 9.20.

To-day at 5 p.m.—Miss Daisy O'Keefe's Pupils' Dancing Display.

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